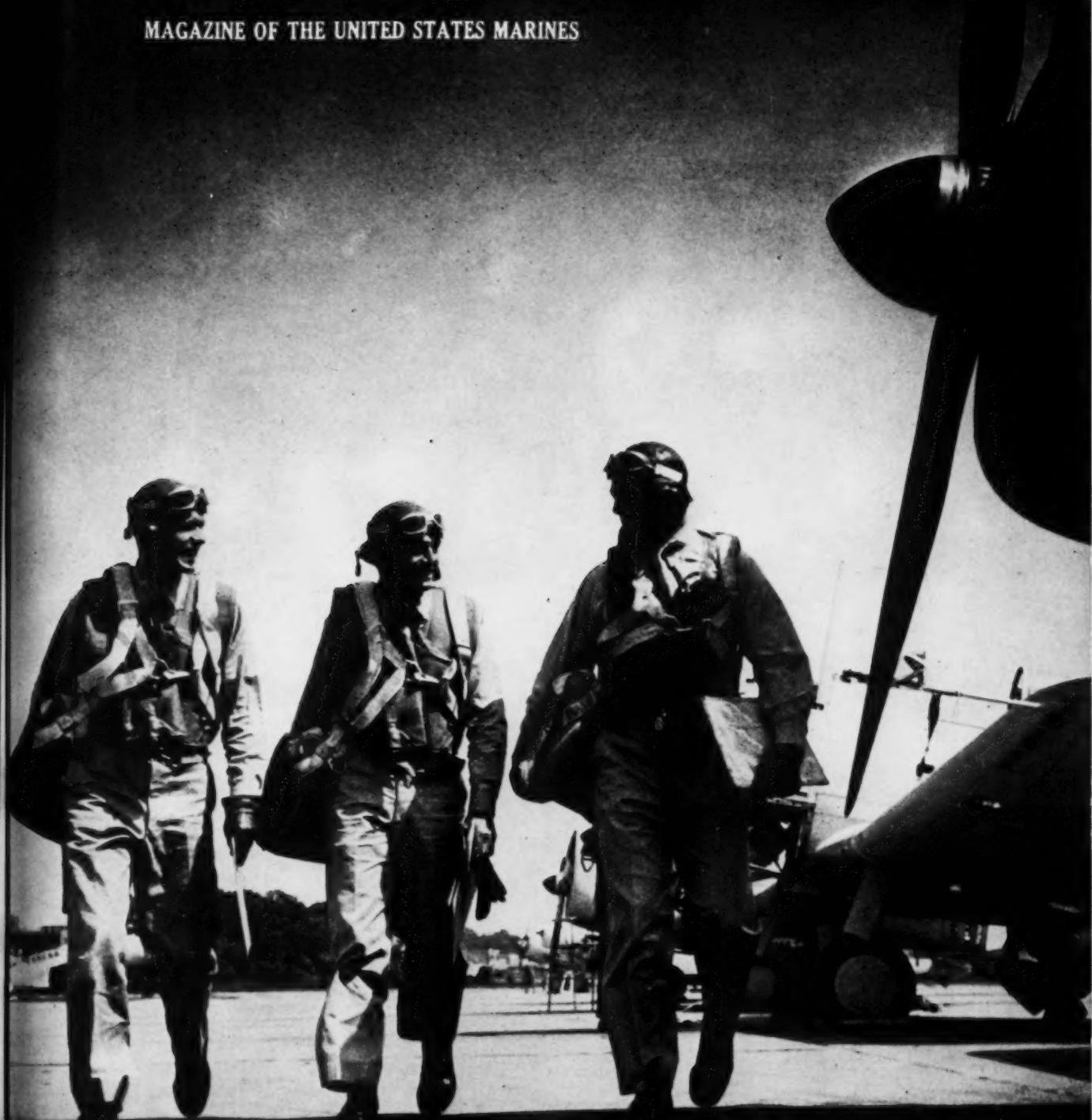


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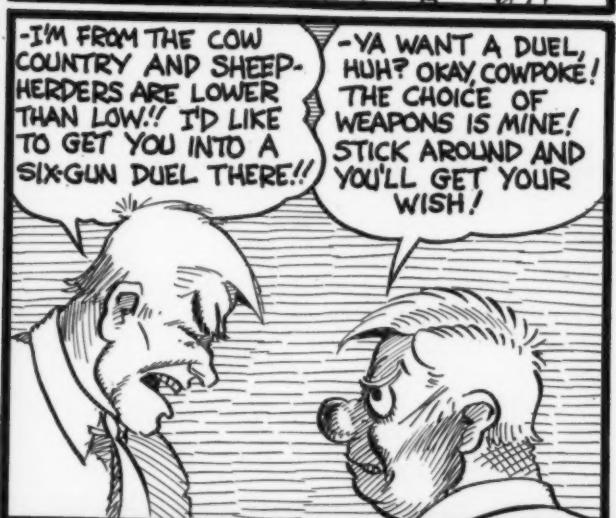
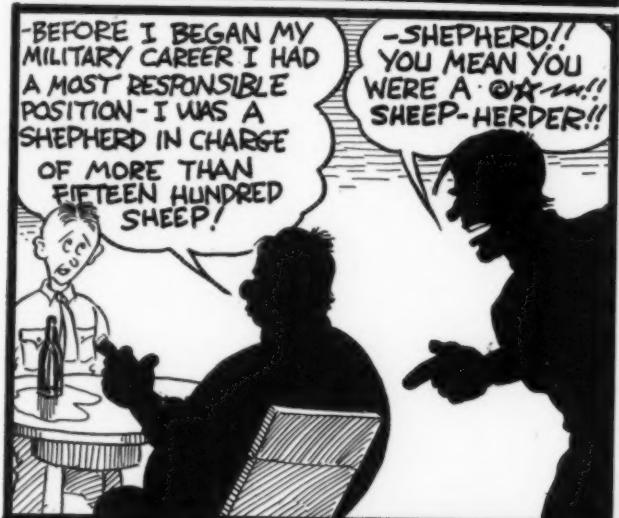
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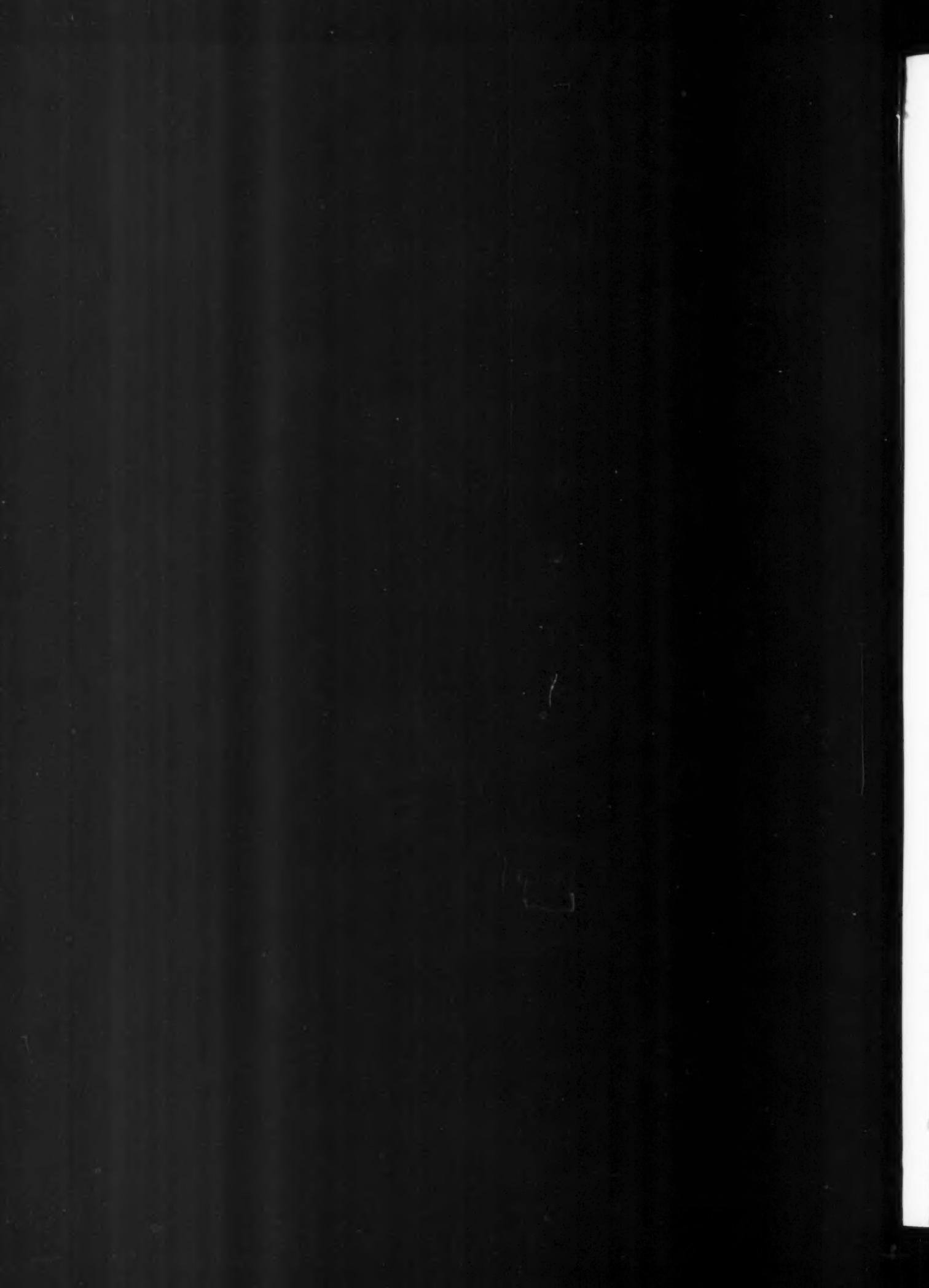
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# FERRY Pilot

CIGARETTE butts flared fitfully in the murky gloom as the small tense knot of men gazed fixedly at the huge bomber warming up at the end of the runway.

Hours, days, weeks of planning, experimentation, and testing reposed in the great bulk of the Lockheed Hudson as she warmed up in the crisp Canadian air. Figures worked stiffly around the fuselage as the great motors sent forth one last blast of power before idling down to a rhythmic purr.

Zero hour had arrived, and with bated breath, the onlookers stared as the big crate lurched heavily down the smooth tarmac, clawing for air speed. The take-off seemed incredibly long, but, with a final roar she skimmed from the ground, lifted, and started to climb.

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Riding with that ship were the hopes of embattled Britain, for she was the first, the trial balloon, in the bridge of bombers across the Atlantic. Success would not be verified for at least eight hours, but meanwhile, back to the drawing boards went the pioneers.

That scene on the wind-swept Newfoundland airport has faded in the face of the stream of ships now pouring into the British Isles via the Atlantic route, but the story behind the first successful flight is a story of dogged determination, and endless work.

The program for the transatlantic flight deliveries originated at Ottawa with a group of flying officers and a former high official of the Imperial Airways. The submarine infested waters of the great ocean had become the resting place for too many ships carrying bombers and much needed supplies to the British. Airplanes capable of carrying tons of destruction took up a great deal of space, convoys were slow, and there was only a trickle when the Royal Air Force needed a flood.

Delivering planes by air had been the favorite topic in the smoky squadron mess. Boasts and conjectures led to plans, and several engineer officers got out charts, data of airplane weights and loadings and began talking with Imperial's trans-atlantic skippers who had flown Short commercial four-engined boats to Botwood and Shediac from England before the war.

Range was the problem. The pitiful few Lockheed Hudsons that had been able to penetrate the Nazi counter blockade had been greeted with warm praise and the request for many more. But the Lockheeds were bombing planes, not transatlantic clippers, and their range was far short of what the men behind the Ferry service estimated was necessary for the flight.



Tests were started using Hudsons manned by members of the flight test section of the Canadian Royal Air Force. The first bomber to take off for England was overloaded by nearly 3,000 pounds at take-off because of extra fuel tanks, flotation gear, and armament. Thanks to the members of the Fighter Command of the R.A.F., today arms are seldom carried because the English have established air superiority over England, and there is little fear that German machines will be met en route.

The Hudson used in the test was powered with two 1,100 h.p. Wright Cyclone engines and had a gross weight of 17,000 pounds under normal load. Of this, 6,100 pounds was disposable load, crew, fuel, payload or ornament, bombs, etc. The standard tankage was for 1,700 miles at 170 m.p.h. at 12,000 feet.



However, the Canadian planners demanded that a fuel reserve of at least four hours be carried. The course, the Great Circle from Newfoundland to England, is 2,100 miles. Further research disclosed that flying from west to east along the route of most of the weather the bomber could expect a 20 m.p.h. tailwind.

The weather assistance was of the utmost importance to the handful of pioneers. If the 20 m.p.h. winds were on the nose of the bomber, the scheme might be impossible for the Hudson. The 20 m.p.h. assumed help boosted the average cruising speed of the Hudson from 170 to 190 m.p.h. This speed had been chosen as best by the thorough researchers for the combination of factors such as engine reliability, fuel economy, and the initial load.

Fifteen hours of flying—the assumed eleven hour crossing with a four hour reserve—would require 1,200 gallons of gasoline and 60 gallons of oil. An allowance of 700 pound was made for crew and their life raft. This boosted the disposable load to 8,350, an overload of 2,250 pounds for take-off.

The entire scheme almost ran upon the rock of where to store the four hundred gallons of fuel needed for the flight. Harassed engineers explored and drafted, tested and discarded, until the Glenn L. Martin Company came to the rescue and supplied the answer in the form of a collapsible rubber tank.

Until the Martin tanks were discovered, the burdened engineers had been toying with the idea of

structural changes in the already compact Hudson. The new auxiliary rubber tanks were arranged so that they could be piped to any of the plane's regular tanks. As a given tank is emptied by the engines, it is refilled by the rubber tank. This was decided upon so that the auxiliary tanks could be collapsed and stored out of the way after the first five hours of flight. The remainder of the flight was to be made on fuel from the plane's regular tanks.

Having regulated the fuel consumption and range of the Hudson, the Ferry pioneers then set about finding and establishing a field to carry out operations.

Fortunately, there was no difficulty about a base.

The field was established at Gander Lake, near Newfoundland's only railroad. This field is an airman's paradise. It is the world's greatest but least publicized airport, built within the last three years with an eye to its future use as a great peace-time terminus. La Guardia Field would fit snugly into one corner of it. Five runways, each 5,000 feet long and 1,200 feet wide, spread eagle the field in ten different directions. Guard lights flash along the runway

For the majority of them flying the Atlantic was a new experience. An American overland commercial pilot flies on a radio beam and is not required to know how to navigate by the sun and stars. But over the Atlantic, flying big ships at night over a northern route never before risked in winter, the intrepid pilots fly entirely by dead reckoning or celestial navigation. There are no radio beams to guide them and they are only allowed to get bearings by radio as they near land.

A school for the training of pilots and navigators was set up in New Brunswick. Pilots were taught all the tricks to help them at the take-off, and were drilled in getting the utmost performance out of their engines, fuel and airplane. All pilots were required to pass special rating tests as navigators.

The pilots of the Ferry Service, along with the British, are enthusiastic about the Hudson, for it has a roomy cockpit for pilot and co-pilot—although they definitely rate it a one-man airplane. That is, one man can operate it without any particular difficulty. Its controls, throttles, switch-



A Consolidated "Liberator" bomber warms up before leaving for England

Acme Photo

borders, and to help the pilot judge his distances, the lights change color from amber to green every 1,000 feet.

Its hangars and runways are used by military planes only. It is situated 1,000 miles from Montreal and 1,200 miles from New York City. London is 2,100 miles to the east and Ireland 1,940 miles. During the winter months the entire area of the field is usable for planes with wheels, huge rolling and crushing machines being kept constantly at work flattening, smoothing, and making a natural sort of cement out of the frequent snow-falls.

Having overcome the obstacles of plane, range, fuel, and base, the next question attacked was the matter of personnel. As an attraction for the hazardous job the salary was set at \$1,000 a month for pilots, \$800 a month for navigators and \$500 for radiomen. A choice mixture of formula-wise young airline men, resourceful bush flyers from the Canadian North, and tough oldtimers who were veterans of everything from the Spanish Civil War to back-pasture flying services, flocked to the banner.

es, and valves are so arranged that one man can make every operation required with ease and dispatch. Nevertheless, it was thought wise by the planners to include two pilots: captain and co-pilot navigator. Also a radio operator was added to handle the key of the wireless equipment that is standard on the British models of the Hudson.

After due consideration, the technicians and engineers set the time for take-off of the ferry planes as just before dusk. This was decided upon so that light for a day landing would be available in England. The elapsed time for a crossing may be anywhere from 7 to 11 hours, of which approximately 5½ are darkness. The darkness serves to make interception at sea virtually impossible for German long-range Kurier planes, and hides the passage of the bombers from the prying eyes of submarines and surface raiders who would report their presence and course to Nazi fighter squadrons based in France.

Fully aware of the possibilities of the daring plan in-

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# THE ALLIGATOR

By LLOYD BOGART

FROM the low, swampy tract of land known as the Florida Everglades has emerged one of the Marines' newest landing aids—the amphibian tractor.

Invented originally by Donald Roebling of Clearwater, Fla., as a "mercy" machine to navigate the treacherous bogs and creeks that criss-cross the Everglades, the amphibian tractor today stands as an outstanding example of American ingenuity in mechanics and adaptability.

Its "mercy" mission was, in first conception, to plough rapidly through the Everglades in search of lost persons or to rescue some unfortunate who was stranded. On many occasions it has turned its stub nose into the mud and muck to travel swiftly, as compared to previous hiking parties, in search of fliers whose planes have cracked-up in the bayous and swamps.

So great was this crawling mogul in its "mercy missions" that newspapers and magazines immediately seized upon the monster of steel and released columns of type and pages of pictures to a grasping public, always eager for the unusual.

The amphibian tractor is unusual. It's unusual in appearance, in design, in mechanics and in utility. It caught the public's fancy as motion picture men hurried to Florida and, for once, forgot bathing beauties to photograph this waddling duck of the swamps.

Alert Marine Corps officers saw these pictures, read these stories, thought of its use in a ship to shore landing. To Florida went observers. They saw the "contraption," rode in it, tore it apart to investigate its ticking parts, tested it. Their report was favorable—so favorable that further investigation, further study, further discussions resulted.

Said officials: "Get it!"

But, here a hitch occurred. Roebling refused to sell the machine to the Navy. When convinced that its use was imperative, he gave it to the Navy willingly.

Everything is born of necessity, a teacher once said. Roebling's invention is no exception.

As previously mentioned, navigating the treacherous bogs of the Everglades is no easy task. Before Roebling's metal freak was devised, the work of rescuing pilots and salvaging planes was a dangerous and difficult task. Formerly a vehicle known as a "swamp buggy" was used. This was first invented, as best we can determine, by mechanics of an oil company to assist in the navigation of the Louisiana swamplands. It was a freakish looking contraption.

With its huge wheels and small body it looked like a child's body on a giant's legs.

While successful to a degree, it never solved the problems of ploughing through mud and water to the extent necessary in locating lost fliers and planes.

Not long ago a plane crashed in the Glades just five miles north of the Tamiami Trail. It took a rescue party 36 hours to reach the pilot.

With an amphibian tractor, the same job could have

been accomplished in six hours—for this waddling swamp duck slithers through mud, paddles along on water, trucks along on land and pays no attention to trees below six inches in diameter.

They are hard riding and hard driving machines and when you come out of one you know that you've been "taken for a ride." They're tough and you have to be tough to ride in one.

It takes long, arduous hours to train the crew which, normally, consists of the operator, engineer and radio man. Hours and more hours of operation and schooling are needed to toughen them into a first class crew to ride this bouncing bronco of the swamplands.

Today the Marine Corps has adopted this machine as an integral part of its Amphibious Force. At Dunedin, Fla., the Amphibian Tractor Detachment has been formed with Major W. W. Davies in command and Captain C. C. Coffman as operations and training officer.

At present about 26 officers and 72 enlisted men are undergoing training. More are arriving each day from the far flung parts of the Corps and soon these men will form the First Amphibian Tractor Battalion of the West Coast.

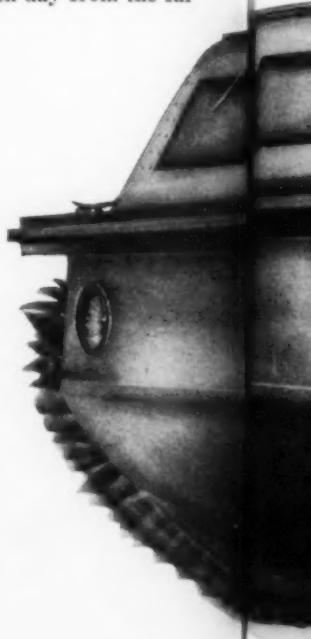
An additional number of men have been sent to the Hercules Motor plant at Canton, Ohio, for a course in operation and maintenance of the Hercules motor which drives the tractor. It will be their job to "keep 'em rolling" in the field.

For men who know and like gasoline and diesel engines, it's a paradise. From sun-up to sundown the men are covered with the oil and grease of the mechanic—tearing down and reassembling the tractor's power plant until they know its mechanical peculiarities like a Greek scholar knows his Homer.

Technical men of all branches are needed for this duty. Welders, electricians, painters, machinists, carpenters and blacksmiths are needed for each battalion as maintenance men. Needless to say that these units are going to be hard working and hard fighting. Requests for the detachment are being received daily at headquarters and more are needed.

This welded flotsam of the surf is about twenty feet long (actual dimensions are withheld by headquarters, as is most of the technical data) and is divided into three compartments: the cab for the operator, radio operator and passenger, the passenger or cargo compartment and the engine room compartment.

The cab has three windows in the forward slope permitting all three men in the cab to see straight ahead with very



little dead space. There are windows on the sides of the cab which slide open for ventilation.

The operator's seat and controls are located in the center of the cab with seats on either side for the radio operator and other passenger, usually an assistant driver. The controls themselves are very similar to any modern tractor with perhaps a few more gauges and gadgets to observe.

The passenger or cargo space is eight feet six inches by seven feet nine inches and will accommodate the best part of a platoon. The total weight capacity of this space is 4,500 pounds. The weight of the entire, fully equipped tractor, by the way, is 16,090 pounds. No baby, that! With its Hercules power plant a full load makes very little difference in the speed, but a tough headwind really makes the alligator work.

On land the alligator is capable of travelling through heavy mangrove swamps and knocking down fair sized trees with little difficulty. On water, it can turn about in a space comparable to its own length with one track stopped and the other track full speed ahead, just as our modern land tanks operate.

The radio equipment of the tractors consists of a two-way phone and wireless telegraph. The operator, along with the radio operator, may listen to all incoming and outgoing messages. A whip type section antenna is mounted on a flexible base at the bow of the tractor and the radio is mounted on a shock absorbing base on a shelf in the port

side of the operator's cab. Remote controls are mounted on the port bulkhead of the cab and the radio operator is seated on the same side above one of the gasoline storage tanks.

The landing of troops from transports will only be one of the many uses for this machine. The evacuation of wounded from beachheads will also be an important part of its work. The cargo space can be rigged to accommodate a dozen stretcher cases for transfer to hospital ships.

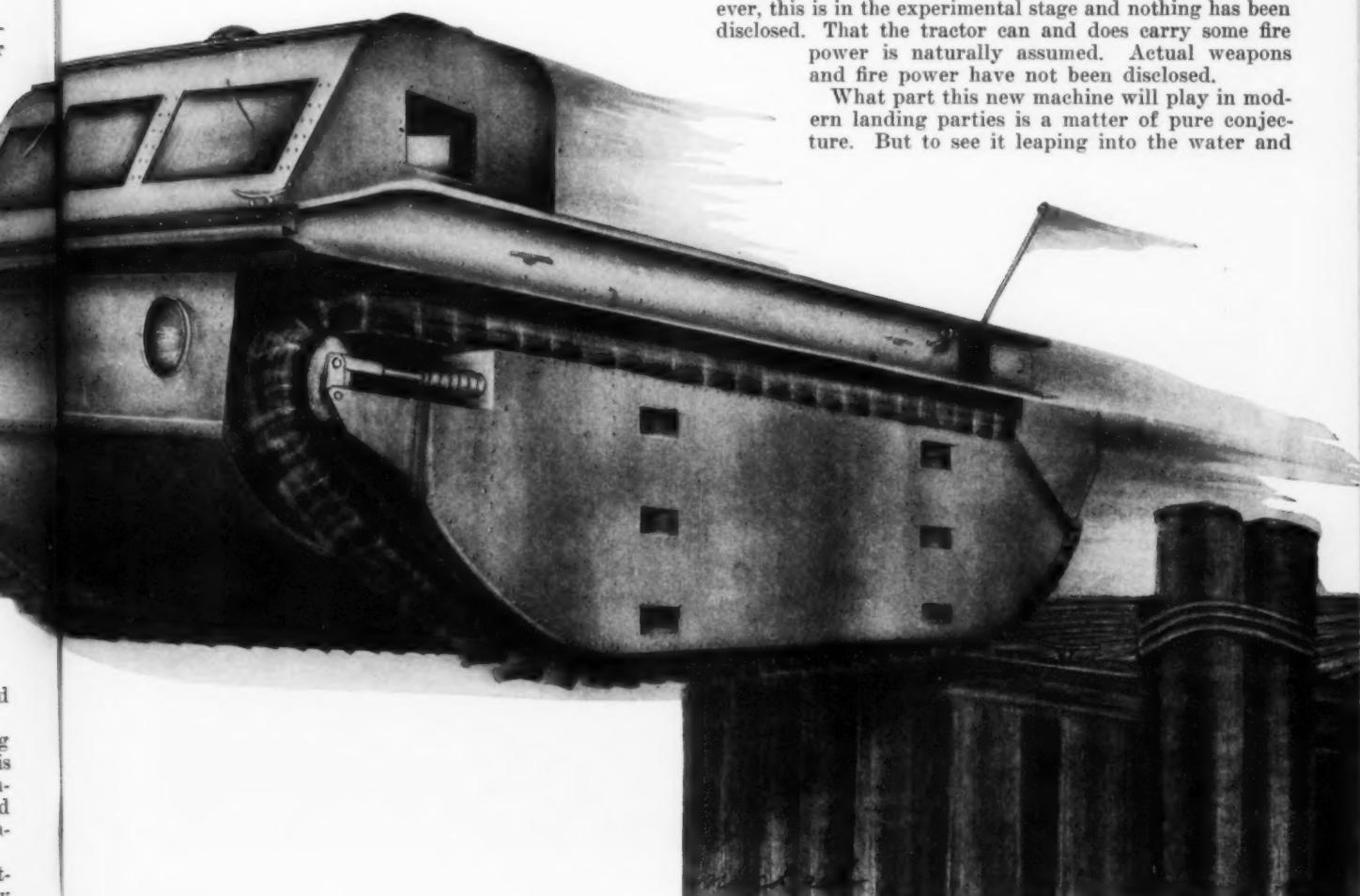
The landing of supplies and ammunition will be an important function. Now, equipment is shuttled from ship to shore and from shore to supply centers, necessitating the transfer of the cargo at the beach to trucks or other forms of transportation. The alligator trundles across the water, waddles onto the beach, shakes herself dry and proceeds along her merry way with no pauses or delay in the transfer of the usually much needed equipment and supplies.

Light artillery pieces can be transported to their land positions along with their crew and enough ammunition to keep them in action. Some of you old time Marines will recall vividly the back breaking job of unloading pieces from motor launches in a pounding surf. That should convince the old-timers of the utility of this machine.

The tractor is not a tank. It does not have the tank's heavy armament nor its fire power. It is definitely not an offensive weapon such as the tank but its ability to transfer troops and equipment from ship to shore in the shortest possible time places it in the indispensable category.

There is talk that the machine could be made into an offensive weapon with the incorporation of armament. However, this is in the experimental stage and nothing has been disclosed. That the tractor can and does carry some fire power is naturally assumed. Actual weapons and fire power have not been disclosed.

What part this new machine will play in modern landing parties is a matter of pure conjecture. But to see it leaping into the water and



start churning its way toward the beach is a sight to inspire the toughest sergeant in the Corps. And, when it hits the surf, ploughs right on through and zooms down the beach, if this hypothetical sergeant isn't convinced of its value, its utility and its value to our Corps, then we suggest he go down to Dunedin and let the alligator boys put their pet through its paces. They'll be glad to do just that, for this group of men—one of the newest branches—is fanatically proud of its alligator and its capabilities.

To substantiate any discussion of the amphibian as an implement of war adequate time should be devoted to its use in other countries.

Germany, master of the mechanized force, so far as we know, does not have a machine comparable to our tractor but they have made use of the amphibian as an added unit in their land armored forces.

This tank resembles any other land tank with the exception that air tight, armored ballast tanks give it support in the water. Its tactical use is commonly known. Coming to water, the tank does not have to wait until engineers can be rushed forward to construct bridges. It takes to the water and heads across.

This tank has a crew of three, from best reports, consisting of the gunner, the driver and the commander. It carries light machine guns and is completely armored. It has the usual radio communication and is reported to attain a speed of about 28 miles an hour across country and about 4 miles an hour in the water.

The Russians have a similar type, as have the British. The American Army is at present experimenting with a model of an amphibian tank.

We have discussed earlier in this article the use



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Roebling tanks "deploy" on their way to the beach at Dunedin, Fla.

ing of armor plate is regarded as a definite troop protecting device.

There are two schools of thought regarding the armor problem. One school maintains that the addition of armor plate reduces the speed of the carrier; the other contends that the reduction in speed of the carrier is not proportionate to the added protection it affords the troops.

Which all leads to the very interesting school of conjecture in regards to the alligator as an armored carrier. That should provide interesting squadroom discussions.

Germany, long rumored to be planning an invasion of the British Isles, is supposed to have a secret amphibian for the crossing of the most dangerous 26 miles in the world—the English Channel. No actual word of the vehicle has leaked out, other than rumors of its existence.

But, one will say, the alligator is different in scope from these weapons. Most of the amphibians in use by foreign armies are used primarily on land. Our answer is that possibly a study of the various features of these weapons with the possibility of adapting certain principles such as armor and armament to our own alligator provides food for thought.

The Leatherneck wishes, at this time, to extend  
to the men of the Marine Corps

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Merry Christmas

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Happy New Year

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THE months of war in Russia have created more confusion in American circles than among the units of the German Army.

The average citizen sees the ridiculed, clanking, wheezing Russian steam-roller of the Finnish Campaign undergoing a journalistic metamorphosis and emerging a veritable citadel—a bastion of democracy, invulnerable against the hitherto invincible blows of Nazi land might.

The average citizen is puzzled. He need not be. Since the beginning of the Russo-German war, the salient facts about the real Red Army have been defined with ever-increasing clarity. They combine to re-assert an old axiom of our Army. That axiom declares that only a well-trained, well-balanced army can achieve any success against another well-trained, well-balanced army. Tanks and planes are not enough. There must be troops aplenty of every kind, and—most important—a miraculous abundance of all types of materiel. In such a war, tanks and planes do play their part. The real decision, however, devolves upon the infantry-artillery team. Untroubled by the bias of an un-military public and Congress, in its 20 years of national mili-

popularized, emphasis on the rifle was retained. A strong point was made as regards Russian rifle training of large civilian groups—a point since underlined by the many German pictures and reports of troublesome sniper and guerilla activity on the deep, ill-defined fronts. Likewise the fact was stressed that the rifle was simple—for ease of production, training, and maintenance. Also, the rifle was national in character—not a result of stamping after foreign fad or fancy. These principles—simplicity, quantity and adaptability to national

# Under the Red Star

By GARRETT UNDERHILL

tarization the Red Army has been built upon the foundation of this basic principle. The result has been the most successful stand to date against the German Army, and without doubt the best mass military performance in modern Russian history. For the first time since September, 1939, the machine has disappeared from the star war role. In its place has emerged—as protagonist—the stolid Russian infantryman; and, as antagonist, the fanatical German of the line infantry division. In October THE LEATHERNECK told the story of the rifle—the basic weapon of this Red infantryman. It showed how, though the tank and the plane and the motor were

character—underlie the multitudinous Red Russian developments in other arms. Always,

however, the ultimate rule is a corollary of the first principle: standardization for quantity production. The above principles are particularly true of the automatic arms which have been furnished to the tremendous mass of Red infantry divisions. In this field national genius has received special stress, and as a result the development of such weapons has lain largely within the nation. Indeed, it is attributable almost entirely to two men.

Of these two and their designs, Vasili Alexeyevich Degtyarov and his light machine gun deserve first mention. His was the first fully successful Red automatic weapon. Moreover, his has been the gun incorporated in the nine-man infantry squad, furnishing fire support to the eight rifles therein.

It must be understood that Degtyarov is no politician or over-zealous, bright-eyed young Stakanovite. He is a Russian who from the age of 11 has been making small arms. Born near the ancient Tula Arsenal south of Moscow, he entered the Tula plant to carry on his father's work the year the Model 1891 rifle was adopted. Though his labors

were interrupted by Army service as a private, he managed even then to ground himself further in automatic arms. Wangling a position at the Oranienbaum Military School

west of present-day Leningrad, he was able to participate in the tests of foreign machine guns like the Maxim and Madsen. Back at Tula, later he added ballistics to his accomplishments under the tutelage of the father of modern Russian small arms, Fyodorov, whom he assisted in the development of the Model 1908 cartridge. Shortly thereafter, local development, never encouraged, was completely stopped by the World War.

Sensing the dissatisfaction with a regime that smothers native genius, when the Reds took over they at once appealed to government designers, and seem to have won them over by allowing them free rein. Fyodorov was put in charge of small arms design and development for the new Red Army, and he in turn permitted Degtyarov full license to work out a gun he had already planned. Before the Revolutionary Military Council was dissolved he had his test model, which was given its initial trials by both the present Marshal Budenny and Defense Commissar Voroshilov. After various modifications, the gun was accepted in 1927. Since then, lighter in form, it has been made the standard tank machine gun.

Chiefly for this labor, Degtyarov has received rewards and honors which compare unfavorably with our treatment of Browning and Garand. Degtyarov has been given a car as a personal present from Defense Commissar Voroshilov, the Orders of Lenin and of the Red Star, a gift of 50,000 roubles from the government, and on his 60th birthday, January 3, 1940, the title of "Hero of the Socialist Labor," supplemented by a personal telephone call to convey the congratulations of Josef Stalin.

To the casual observer it hardly appears that Vasili Alexeyevich deserves all these honors if they are to be entirely based on his development of the Degtyarov light machine gun. This device is not a very impressive weapon. In fact, the only points which would appear to recommend it are its rugged simplicity, for essentially the Degtyarov (pronounced Deck-ter-off) is an uncomplicated gun functioning on the gas principle. The bolt is operated by a long piston, which receives its impetus from a gas cylinder taking gas from a port about eight inches short of the muzzle. Cocking the piece by pulling back this operating rod is one of the features about which gunners complain. A handle protruding from below the receiver frame has to be grasped with the right hand and pulled back about half a foot till the bolt catches.

The heavy barrel is flanged for air cooling and is sheathed for two-thirds of its length. Locked by some 1½ inches of interrupted screw, the barrel can easily be removed by fitting a wrench into two grooves just short of the muzzle and flash-hider and giving a quarter turn to the right.

A poor feature is the broad, flat 49-round pan magazine. To load, the gunner takes a pressed paper or metal pan from the six-pan wood or metal ammunition boxes. Next he inserts the pan's U-prong into a catch atop the barrel grill-work, letting the pan fall in place. Finally, he pulls back a locking catch on the rear of the sight base—in later models controlled by a lever hanging off the right side of the gun.

In firing, the pan bottom remains fixed, only the top revolving to drop the cartridges through a hole in the pan floor at the rear. For antiaircraft purposes, tracer visible up to 1,000 meters is alternated with normal M-1908 ammunition, the tracer being so marked on the pan.



For such antiaircraft work, limited for rifle and Degtyarov to planes no higher than 500 meters, use is made of the ordinary front sight—a coarse bead protected by dog-ears—and of the rear sight, which is very similar to that of the rifle. No windage is provided, though for AA work the squad leader is furnished an X-shaped computer to figure ranges and leads.

Ordinarily the gunner fires prone. Unaided by a hinged butt-plate, he has to hold the butt up and against the shoulder with left hand, cheek resting on the stock. For fire in movement, both sling-ends fasten to the front swivel, the loop resulting being passed over the head. Antiaircraft fire is delivered best from mounts formed by forked sticks or tree-branches three or four feet high, or, in their absence, by having the number two man grab the bipod and hold the gun aloft.



This bipod uses forward-sloping spades instead of sleds on its leg-tips. As a partial result, normal fire is far from accurate. Spanish veterans say that the Czech 7.9-mm. Bren is much superior, but then it seems clear that those using the Degtyarov in Spain took full use of the gun's

600 rounds per minute fire-rate. Unless bursts are limited to from three to six shots the gun will climb like a snake, over-heat and jam. Indeed, the Russians make frequent use of semi-automatic fire, controllable by a switch handy to the right thumb when firing. On semi-automatic, fire is certainly accurate well over 600 meters. The limit shuts down to 300 on full automatic while 1,300 meters is extreme practical range.

Though heavy—20.7 pounds—this gun in infantry form has been furnished to parachutists and to motorcycle troops who ride in side-cars. Solo motorcyclists get the tank Degtyarov, which, like our tank Browning, is almost the same as the heavier weapon. The difference lies in the thick pan of smaller diameter plus bag for empty cases, the absence of pronounced barrel flanging, and the shedding of the barrel-protecting grill. The grillwork is dispensed with, although both the ball mount and the coaxial mount with the 45-mm. tank gun fail to protect the piece right up to the gas port. Sights are mounted entirely within the vehicle, except, of course, in the case of the antiaircraft Degtyarov, which is carried on a complicated mount atop tank turrets. The latter type of gun has special ring sights located half-way down the barrel.

Considering the thousands of tanks and infantry squads in the Russian Army, certainly the most remarkable fact about this rather mediocre weapon is the ignorance of it in the outside world. Such ignorance is not only equalled but surpassed in the case of Fodor Vasilyevich Tokarev and his designs. A veteran like Degtyarov, this man has been engaged in building and designing Russian arms ever since an itinerant Tula gunsmith wandered into Tokarev's Don Cossack village 62 years ago.

Actually senior to Degtyarov, Tokarev's career was begun when the Tula man helped him build a lock for his hunting rifle. Since then, his ability has taken him through master gunsmith at 20, Tsarist Cossack officer, Oranienbaum Rifle School, experimentation at the Sestroretsky Arsenal, service as Cossack at the front, and finally—at fifty—recognition as a master technician by the Revolutionary Government. Making use of his experimental ability, the Reds first sent him to move plants into the interior, then to the Ijorsk Arsenal, and finally to his last post of Tula. Apparently his life has been unpolitical, for it was not until 1939 that he was accorded the final honor of joining Tula's Communist Party Cell.

In this long history, his first sound weapon was the heavy,



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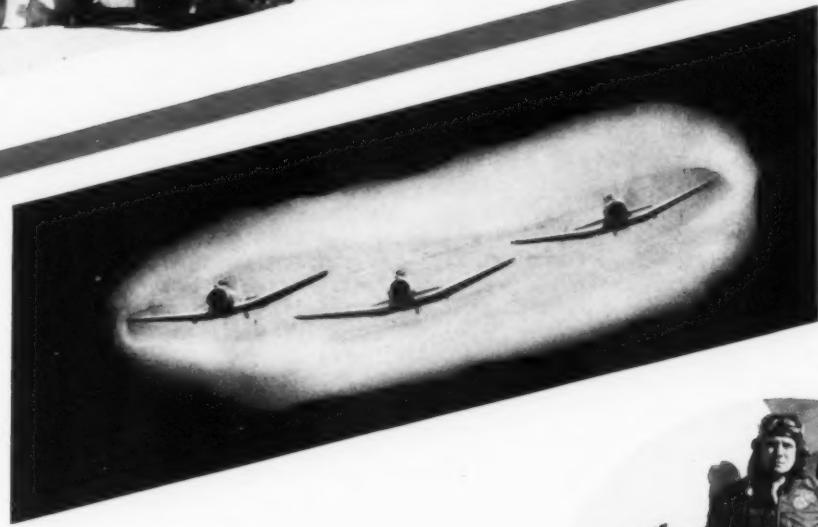
## SOLDIERS OF THE SEA .... AND AIR

Members of the 1st Aircraft Wing, FMF, Turner Field, Quantico, are giving a new meaning to the adaptability of the Marine Corps. The first experts at dive bombing, Marine airmen have proved themselves adept at both aircraft carrier landings as well as land operations. With excellent organization throughout, the Marine birdmen will be the first to meet this country's foes.

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## OPERATIONS—

Below—Right—Brig. Gen. Roy S. Geiger,  
1st Aircraft Wing FMF





# Louisiana Blitzkrieg

**"Next time it will be different,"**  
**says this Army officer who**  
**roamed the Louisiana Swamplands**  
**as an observer during the**  
**recent Army maneuvers**

**F**ORTUNATELY, it wasn't war! But there was all the confusion, the intensity of thousands of sweating men and their roaring machines concentrated in mass attack, all the hours of pointless waiting, jammed roadways, conflicting orders. There was power of two Armies and the ingenuity of America's generals. It was the 1941 maneuvers of the United States Army.

Designed to tax the abilities of the nation's foremost military strategists, the war games served better to strain the mental reserve and patience of all other officers and men. Typical complaint from the rank and file throughout the terrifically high-costing maneuvers was not from overwork—but from lack of anything to do, days of idleness, scarcity of intelligent supervision.

Blitzkrieg was to rage over the 26,000-acre "hall" hired by the Army in the Louisiana-Texas-Arkansas swamp and scrub. But the tanks didn't prove overpowering, or the infantry trained to throw up a veritable wall of defense, or the artillery the acme of support. The combined efforts of several forces in the air proved noteworthy, not by their potency but because they were the "unknown quantity"; no one knew their power or ability. Losses from air attacks were never as damaging as the hinderance of precautions made necessary by their presence.

Most surprised by the maneuvers must have been those ranking Army officials who planned them. Those who visioned a lightning blitz were bitterly disappointed. And who would have thought the real heroes of the entire maneuver would be truck drivers and those connected with the supply units from Army to Company? Blitz? If we are to attach any significance to reports from almost any European battle front, the speed with which our tactical units move in battle can only be compared with some of Europe's smallest and most "surprised" countries.

But the foregoing generalizations have touched only the most glaring faults in the past summer's maneuvers. All these were so evident that it would be a waste of time to wonder if they will be corrected. But they are indica-

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tive, these faults. They clearly showed that the modern Army is little more than thousands and thousands more men than were ever mobilized for peace. There is still no sign of intelligent realization of the work that must be done. And this realization is most noticeably absent from the very highest commands. Today's Army has in its rank and file some of the most intelligent youth in the world. The enlisted man of today is not only aware of what he should be doing, but he also is capable of detecting without too much trouble a laxity, a deviation from all that is constructive in preparing for that job. That is definitely not true of a large proportion of commanding officers of the Army.



Old prejudices, old faults in the Army organization are still as prevalent as they used to be. But, in all fairness, the reader must understand that in this the Army is definitely not static. The ax is falling these days and the rate of fall has been stepped up beyond the expectations of nearly all the old "brass" who have stagnated these many years among the customs and traditions which, while they have kept the Army alive, have also done much to hinder the progress that should have been ours.

Not all about the maneuvers, though, is discouraging. Not by a long shot. It is encouraging to note how wrong are all the sociologists and reformists who have predicted a modern youth not worth its salt in the Army. They've said we couldn't have an Army like we had in '17. And they were partly right. We couldn't afford to have such an outmoded force. Our modern Army needs more than coordinated masses; it needs them, but more, it needs specialists, highly trained men who bring civilian efficiency and progressiveness into advantageous play. And the endless nights and days of the maneuvers proved that we not only have such men but that they are endowed with the stamina and endurance to continue to produce in spite of torrential rains, delayed or forgotten meals, typical field conditions. While there has never been a substantial criticism of the American soldier, the maneuvers have definitely asserted the superior qualities of today's citizen Army.

It's true that there were a lot of pegs in the Army that were having difficulty getting shaped just right for their particular holes. That, too, was taken care of by maneuvers. It was impossible for the most uninformed buck private to go through the entire war games without getting a pretty good picture of "the other fellow's" job, and adjusting himself to help get both their jobs done.



There has been some criticism of the vast amount of money spent during the maneuvers. Not too much criticism because it is impossible to get a complete figure. But if the Army can remember the lessons learned this past summer long enough to do anything about it, the money was well-spent.

It would have been impossible for the Quartermaster Corps to attain a full realization of the problems entailed when the Army goes into the field in any other, less huge, less graphic maneuver. There is no better way to find out how to feed 500,000 men from day to day when hardly two of the meals will be fed within miles of each other than to have that job to do—and for a long enough period of time to correct faults and overcome inexperience. There could have been no better method of knowing beyond a doubt how much gasoline, how many spark plugs, how many men it would take to keep the Army's vehicles rolling over dusty roads and muddy battlefields. Since the last World War the Army has been doing some pretty tall guessing. Now they know.

A year ago the very men who make up the American Army were wondering what it would be like to be in the Service. Then there was that long period of extensive training when the average citizen-soldier wondered why he was being kept a year to learn something he picked up within a few weeks. With the maneuvers came a realization of just how much their drilling meant, what the real necessity for discipline was based on and why physical endurance must be a cult in the Army. The maneuvers taught tolerance to the impatient and, to some measure, re-kindled the enthusiasm and imagination of the adventurous American Soldier.

Since the maneuvers were designed primarily for the study and education of the higher bracketed officers, there was much about them that was dull and tiresome for the thousands who wanted action, who were eager for "battle." It was only after the last problem was done and the men returned to their bases that they began to see the intensity of the job they had done. The greatness of a movement of three or four square divisions, with their complement of assaulting tanks, protective "destroyer forces" (short-lived Army infant born during the maneuvers and painlessly killed soon afterward) does not seem to become apparent when viewed from the bouncing, jolting board seats in the back of a truck or from the powdered dust roads of the backwoods. Being too close to the trees to see the forest was only too true for the average participant in the Second and Third Army maneuvers.



One would gather from the results of the various problems covered by the maneuvers that the Army's ability to maintain organization has a peak. When whole brigades are lost and out of the picture, all its fire power rendered useless, its arms untouched, it would seem the height of efficiency had been passed. But we have the annoying European picture confronting us. Organization must continue beyond the mark now efficiently attained by the Army. If this can only be had by practice, then the Army must ignore all criticisms of the past maneuvers and continue out in the field on even a larger scale.

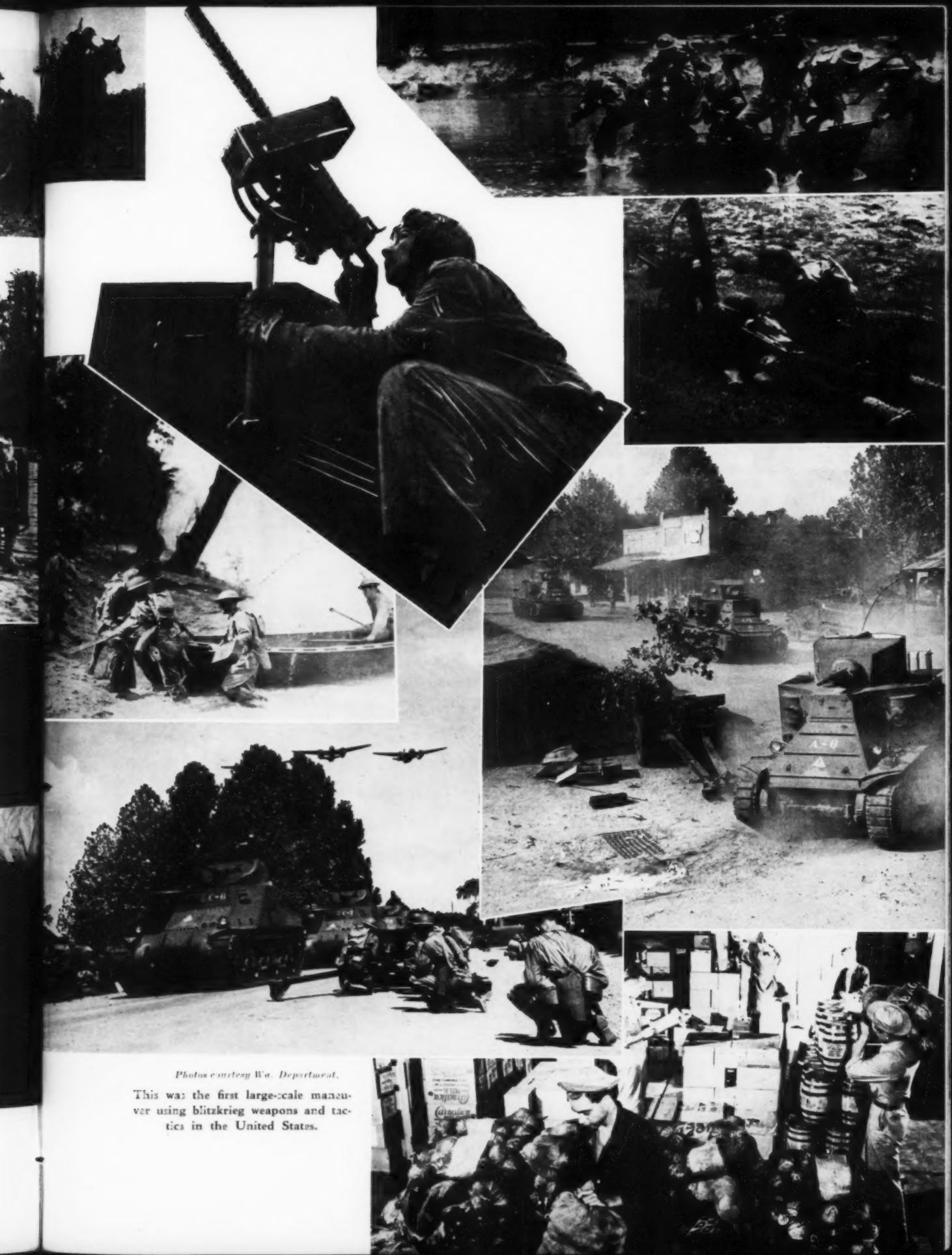
All summer long this observer crossed from one division to another, looking over general's shoulders, so to speak. Throughout the months of maneuvering there were hundreds of incidents of errors that were warned against by General Headquarters long before maneuvers began but which were too-often overlooked by commanders who were swamped by problems they had never faced before. Each component of the modern motorized Army has been drilled in the art of air protection. But when thousands of trucks took to the roads simultaneously the cross roads became blocked for miles, a blind enemy aviator would have had a field day dropping eggs almost promiscuously and scoring targets. The basic laws of field communication were violated with the first excited orders to attack.

The maneuvers proved we not only need an Army of men trained to be soldiers. We need an Army of soldiers trained to fight as an Army, trained by experience.

From the battlefields on "the other fronts" comes startling information concerning "lightning attacks." Several of these were attempted by both the Second and Third Armies this past summer. Result: there were lightning attacks but necessarily made small because when "A" division shuttles "B" division to the front, there is precious little done by "A" division more than a lot of truck driving. Every time the old square divisions were brought into play in the modern tactics of warfare, there were whole divisions that were never able to move out of original bivouac areas. And when front lines move as rapidly



Realistic action as Uncle Sam's soldiers undergo intensive training in the Louisiana wilds



*Photos courtesy War Department.*

This was the first large-scale maneuver using blitzkrieg weapons and tactics in the United States.

as they do today, a twenty-four hour stall can mean the success or failure of a maneuver.

Stress of rapid movement immediately brings to mind the vehicles by which the modern Army must move. And every day of the maneuvers proved and continue to prove that while the Army is not fully equipped with its trucks and tanks and tractors—what it does have is good. From "beeps" to "bulldozers," American motors are doing their jobs well. During the two months of the southern maneuvers the weather was often beyond the storm stage and the conditions for travel were never ideal. Not once did the motorized elements of the Army find themselves anything but exceptionally well mounted. Only a casual examination of our troops in the field is necessary to determine the approximate date of their induction or activation. This applies not only to the men but to the officer complement as well, since the reflection of one can be seen in the job done by the other. In the opinion of the writer, in this highly technical Army of today the difference of thirty days of training is often an important factor in making the soldier. Even the more fundamental principles of troops in the field depend upon a certain amount of instruction and application, regardless of the organization. March discipline, camouflage work, an understanding of the basic technique of occupation—on these things the various divisions participating in the maneuvers could be graded as clearly as a, b, c. There is no question as to geographic superiority among the troops. This, too, was



clearly seen. But observation proves that there are compensating factors in almost every case; a division made of men coming from regions where education is not so universal almost invariably had a compensating high grade of discipline and intra-organization spirit that was lacking among some of the "smarter" troops.

Never during any of the phases of the extensive maneuver plans was there a tactical error of consequence committed among the higher commands. But when tactical initiative went lower than corps it was clear that there was not the thoroughness of understanding that is so imperative. Whole brigades were ignorant of the main endeavor and were enmeshed in their own technical movements beyond being of service to the main effort.

Despite the criticisms of this article, it is being written with the realization that there are many who are well-qualified to correct the errors revealed in the modern Army during the past and current maneuvers. Already, in the brief time that has elapsed since the final problem this summer, the changes have been appreciably noticeable. Higher commands have been convinced by authoritative observers that prime among the faults of our forces today is not lack of knowledge of how the job must be done, but a failure to realize the imperativeness of the situation. The Army could send its entire officer personnel to one school or another and the job couldn't be done until young America realized there is more to do than answer the roster every morning.



Photo courtesy Army Signal Corps

An Army squad car tows a 37-mm. anti-tank gun into action

# THE NEW PAY BILL

The interdepartmental pay study has been submitted to the Senate Military Affairs Committee and a proposed new pay act to replace the Joint Pay Act of 1922 was immediately introduced by Senator Johnson, of Colorado.

The bill calls for a sweeping revision of pay scales of the six services which operate under the Joint Pay Act—the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service.

General effect of the Johnson Pay Act is to increase service pay, but a plan has been followed, which in one instance, that of the warrant officers of the Navy and Coast Guard, actually results in a reduction of initial base pay. A saving clause in the act, however, provides that pay of no person shall be reduced by operation of the new legislation.

Officers: Substantial increase in pay of first grade; substantial increase for brigadier generals; proportionate increases for other grades. Increased rental allowances. Pay for rank, whether permanent or temporary.

Enlisted men: Abolition of specialist ratings in Army and Marine Corps, and use of ratings, as in Navy and Coast Guard; substantial increase in pay of seventh and sixth grades; and in second pay grade; proportionate increase in other pay grades, including first; same longevity pay system as officers and warrant officers.

Promotion to the fifth grade is now accompanied by a pay increase of \$18 but promotion to the next higher grade (4th) which normally requires considerably higher qualifications and is much more difficult to obtain carries a pay increase of only \$6. The \$21 pay grade was recommended by an interdepartmental pay committee in 1938 and was included as part of the pay provisions of the "Selective Training and Service Act of 1940." This pay grade, within a grade, has received a fair trial and in the opinion of the Committee its retention is not warranted. A large proportion of 7th grade men in the Army now receive \$40 per month, including the \$10 increase for over 12 months' service, and the others have every reason to expect that rate of pay after one year's service. In view of this situation and the rising scale of wages in civil life, by which Selective Service men may not benefit, the Committee believes that the initial base pay of an enlisted man should be \$42 per month. At the other end of the scale, noncommissioned officers of the first grade are generally highly skilled career personnel and most of them

have dependents to support. A 10 per cent pay increase for this grade is considered reasonable. Within these minimum and maximum limits (\$42 to \$138) the base pay of intermediate grades should be adjusted so as to establish a logical progressive increase throughout, measured by the increase in experience and responsibility. Promotion from private to private 1st class is relatively fast and easy to obtain. The pay increase for this promotion should therefore be small. Promotion to the grade of corporal is slower and more difficult and as a man enters the noncommissioned and command grades the pay increase should be relatively larger. Promotion increases thereafter should remain constant until the 1st grade is reached. This grade represents the height of an enlisted career. Only a very few ever reach it and those who do, earn the comparatively larger pay increase indicated for that final promotion.

## Longevity Pay

At present all enlisted men receive longevity pay at the rate of 10 per cent for the first four years' service and 5 per cent for each four years thereafter not to exceed a maximum of 25 per cent. Since enlisted men must serve thirty years before they are eligible for retirement, except for physical disability, that period of time represents a normal military career but the maximum credit for longevity is reached after 16 years. The Committee believes that officers, warrant officers and enlisted men should all be authorized longevity credit on the same basis and therefore recommends that the system now applicable to officers, i. e., 5 per cent for each three years not exceeding 30 years, be extended to include both enlisted men and warrant officers of all Services.

## Specialists: ratings

In the Navy and Coast Guard enlisted men are placed in the several grades on the basis of specialist duties performed as well as on the basis of command functions. A system was established by the National De-

fense Act, for the Army and Marine Corps, whereby grade was to be awarded to enlisted men who, as noncommissioned officers, exercised command, while vocational ability or special skill at some trade was to be compensated by specialist ratings with additional pay therefor. There are now six classes of specialist ratings with pay for each varying from \$3 to \$30 per month. These specialists' ratings are normally given to enlisted men

in the grade of private or private 1st class on the theory that they would exercise no command but should receive additional pay for individual skill. Theoretically the system is good, but as a matter of practical application it is not satisfactory. Modern equipment, its maintenance, repair and operation requires that many of these specialists exercise command incident to the supervision as well as the instruction of others. Many of the duties for which specialists ratings were designed require highly intelligent and able men who are either not to be found in the lower grades or who should not be kept there. It is recommended that specialist ratings be paid on the basis of grades rather than trades. If this is done grades would be used in lieu thereof by the Army and Marine Corps as is now done in the Navy and Coast Guard.

## Summary of proposed program for warrant officers.

a. Fix the initial base pay of all warrant officers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard at the rate proposed for officers in the first pay period (\$1,800 base), with the allowances of that pay period.

b. Commissioned warrant officers with over 20 years' commissioned service to receive the pay and allowances of the fourth pay period (\$3,300 base).

c. All warrant and commissioned warrant officers to receive longevity pay on the same basis as now authorized for officers.

d. Prescribe a maximum limitation of \$5,500 for total pay and allowances of commissioned warrant officers.

## Officers

The Pay Act of 1922 established six pay periods with a base pay for each and provided that officers of designated grades below that of brigadier general and with specified length of service would receive the pay of a lieutenant, captain, major, etc. Allowances are similarly prescribed for pay periods and persons authorized to receive the pay of those periods. The pay of general

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# GENERAL OFFICERS SELECTED



Joseph C. Fegan

President Franklin D. Roosevelt last month approved promotion of Colonels Joseph C. Fegan, Harry Schmidt, Henry L. Larsen, William H. Rupertus, and Harry K. Pickett to Brigadier General.

Colonel Joseph C. Fegan of Dallas, Texas, was born in that city November 6, 1886, and since his appointment as a Second Lieutenant, Marine Corps, (from civil life) on February 1, 1909, has distinguished himself in the service in six foreign stations, on the sea, and in numerous posts on both the East and West coasts.

Beginning his tour of duty in 1909 and 1910 in Panama he served the next two years on the USS "Florida," followed by a brief time in Cuba in 1913. The Colonel served the year 1916 in the Philippine Islands, and returned in 1917 and 1918 after having served part of 1917 on the USS "Cincinnati." In 1923 and 1924 he served in Santo Domingo, followed by service at numerous posts on both the East and West Coasts. From 1924 to 1929 he was on duty at Marine Corps Headquarters as Officer in Charge of Recruiting and as Marine Corps Athletic Officer.

As commander of the Department of the North, with Headquarters at Cape Haitien, Colonel Fegan served from 1929 to 1932 with the Garde d'Haiti. In recognition of his services, he was awarded the Haitian Distinguished Service Medal, the Haitian Medaille Militaire, and two awards of the Haitian Order of Honor and Merit with the rank of Commander and Officer, respectively. He received commendation also from the Major General Commandant and by the Commandant of the Garde d'Haiti.

Returning to Marine Corps Headquar-

ters in June, 1933, he rendered highly valuable service as Public Relations Officer for three years, until ordered to take the Senior Course at the Naval War College, Newport, R. I., in June, 1936. Upon completion of the course he returned to Washington as Commander of the Marine Barracks and was honored with the duty as Aide to President Roosevelt on the occasion of the visit to the Governor-General of Canada in July of that year.

Command of the Fourth Marines, Shanghai, China, in 1938 and 1939, was followed by return to Headquarters Marine Corps to serve as Director of Marine Corps Reserve. In this capacity he remained in Washington from January 1940 to January 1941. He is now serving in San Diego, California, assuming command of the 2nd Marines, Second Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, in January 1941.

Colonel Fegan is a graduate of the Field Officers' Course, Marine Corps Schools, in addition to being a graduate of the Naval War College. Other honors and decorations he has received include the Expeditionary Ribbon, Victory Medal with Asiatic Clasp and Gold Medal awarded by the President of the Dominican Republic.

The dates of his promotions are: appointed 2nd Lieutenant February 1, 1909; promoted to 1st Lieutenant, January 3, 1913; Captain, August 29, 1916; Major (temporary), July 1, 1918; Major, June 4, 1920; Lieutenant Colonel, May 29, 1934; and Colonel, June 30, 1936.

Colonel Harry Schmidt of Stapleton, Nebraska, was born at Holdredge, Nebraska, September 25, 1886. Having served as an officer of the 2nd Nebraska Infantry from 1908 to 1909, he was appointed on August



Henry L. Larsen

17, 1909, a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps from civil life (Nebraska). From this rank he was successively promoted to Colonel December 1, 1937—the rank he now holds.

He did distinguished duty on foreign soil in Guam, Philippine Islands, Cuba, Nicaragua, and China, for which he received many decorations and honors. For his services as Brigade Intelligence Officer of the Second Marine Brigade in Nicaragua in 1928 and 1929, the Colonel was awarded the Navy Cross, the Nicaraguan Medal of Merit, and the Nicaraguan Medal of Distinction. He also holds the Mexican Service Medal, the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal with two Bronze Stars, the Victory Medal, the Nicaraguan Campaign Medal, and the Yangtze Service Medal. He also served at sea on the U. S. Battleships, "Oklahoma," "Montana," and "Tennessee."

His posts and duties in the United States have been various: As Instructor in Tactics he was stationed at Quantico, Virginia; as officer in charge of the Recruiting District of St. Paul, Minn.; as Assistant Chief of Staff to the Commanding General, Department of the Pacific in Washington; and as Executive Officer of the Paymaster's Department, Marine Corps Headquarters, Washington—the assignment he now holds. Besides being a graduate of the Field Officers' Course, Marine Corps Schools, Colonel Schmidt is also a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Colonel Henry L. Larsen is distinguished for his services during the World War, in which he served as Second in Command and command of the 3rd Battalion, 5th



Harry Schmidt



William H. Rupertus

Regiment of Marines, Second Division, A. E. F. It was only a few years after his appointment as Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps, November 20, 1913, that he participated in the Aisne Defensive, The Chateau-Thierry Sector, the Aisne-Marne Offensive (Soissons), the Marbache Sector, and the St. Mihiel Offensive. He commanded the Battalion during the Meuse-Argonne (Champagne) and Meuse-Argonne (Argonne Forest) offensives, and in the march to the Rhine following the Armistice and the occupation of the Coblenz Bridgehead. For his leadership and achievements he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Navy Cross, and the Croix de Guerre with palm. For gallantry in action and brilliant leadership he holds the Silver Star with two oak leaf clusters, representing two citations in A. E. F. orders, and one citation in Second Division orders.

As Brigade Inspector of the Second Marine Brigade he served in Nicaragua from March 1928 to February 1930. For distinguished service in this capacity he was awarded the Navy Cross Star (equivalent to a second award of the Cross itself) and was commanded by the Secretary of the Navy. He returned to Nicaragua in 1930 as a member of the American Electoral Mission. He was awarded the Nicaraguan Medal of Merit by the President of Nicaragua.

Other decorations and honors held by Colonel Larsen are: the Victory Medal, the Mexican Service Medal, Dominican Campaign Medal, Expeditionary Medal, Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal, and the French Legion of Honor and Diploma. He is a graduate of the School of Applied

tion, Norfolk, Va.; Advance Course, Ft. Benning, Ga.; and, Ecole de Guerre, Paris, France.

Colonel Larsen has ably served at various posts in the United States in addition to serving as Assistant Adjutant and Inspector at Headquarters of the Marine Corps; as Instructor, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va.; as Chief of Staff of F-3 Section and as Executive Officer, 5th Marines, 1st Brigade, FMF; and, as Director of Division of Plans and Policies at Headquarters of the Marine Corps from April 1939 to June 1940. On July 22, 1940, he assumed command of the 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, F. M. F., which duty he is now performing.

Colonel Larsen was born December 10, 1890, at Chicago, Denver, Colorado is his usual residence.

Colonel William H. Rupertus was born November 14, 1889, in Washington, D. C., his usual residence. There he served in the District of Columbia National Guard and as a Cadet in the U. S. Revenue Cutter Service. From these services he was appointed a second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps November 14, 1913 (from civil life, District of Columbia). He was promoted to the present rank of Colonel on June 29, 1938.

During the World War he commanded the Marine Detachment on the USS "Florida." Besides duty in Haiti, China, and Cuba, he has served capably in many assignments in the United States. As Inspector of Target Practice from 1927 to 1929, and in the War Plans Section from 1931 to 1933 he served at Headquarters of the Marine Corps. From 1936 to 1937 Colonel Rupertus was Chief of Staff of the Marine Corps Base at San Diego, California, followed by the assignment as Executive Officer of the 4th Regiment of Marines, Shanghai, China, until 1938. He was recalled to Command the Marine Barracks, Washington, D. C., until 1940, and to command the Marine Barracks, Naval Operating Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, until 1941. At present he is in command of the Fourth Defense Battalion.

Colonel Rupertus graduated from the Marine Officers' School in 1915 with distinction, and is a distinguished graduate of the Army Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth. He is a graduate of the Field Officers' Course, Marine Corps Schools, where he has served on the staff. His other decorations and honors include the Haitian Distinguished Service Medal, awarded by the President of Haiti; the Victory Medal, with Grand Fleet Clasp; the Haitian Campaign Medal; the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, with Bronze Star; and the China Service Medal.

Colonel Harry K. Pickett was born January 9, 1888, in Ridgeway, South Carolina,



Harry K. Pickett

his usual residence. From civil life (South Carolina) he was appointed a second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps March 15, 1913, being promoted to the present rank of Colonel twenty-five years later on June 29, 1938.

He is a graduate of The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina; of the Field Officers' Course, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia; and, of the Army Coast Artillery School, Fort Monroe, Virginia. His decorations include the Mexican Service Medal, the Victory Medal, and the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal.

With the 4th Regiment in Mexican waters in 1914; with the 11th Marines in France during the World War; with the 2nd Marine Brigade in Santo Domingo from 1921 to 1923; and, as Brigade Quartermaster of the First Marine Brigade in Haiti from 1928 to 1930, the Colonel has served capably on expeditionary duty.

In the United States he served at Headquarters of the Marine Corps as Assistant Personnel Officer from 1924 to 1925, and again as War Plans Officer from 1930 to 1934. He was assigned to the F. M. F., San Diego, California, as Brigade and Force Artillery Officer from 1935 to 1937 and in the Planning Section as Chief of Staff from 1939 to 1940. Since August, 1940, Colonel Pickett has been in command of Marine Barracks, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T. H.



The Leatherneck Staff wishes, at this time, to congratulate Colonels Fegan, Schmidt, Larsen, Rupertus, and Pickett upon their selection

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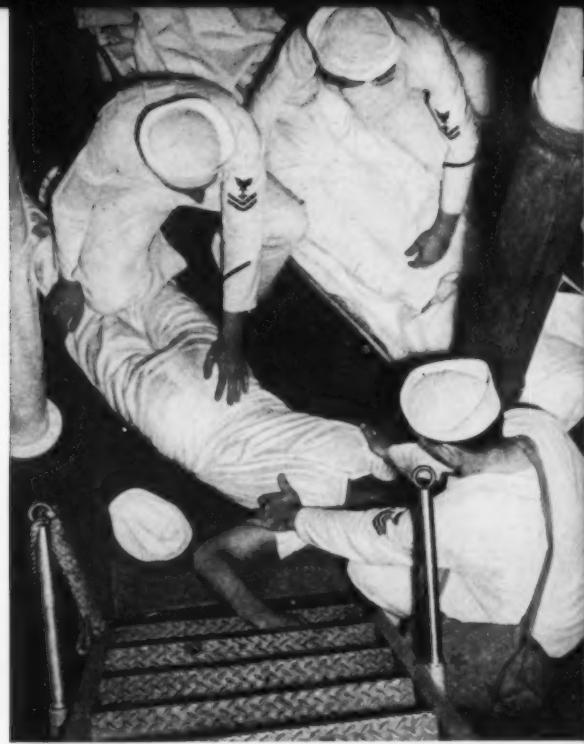
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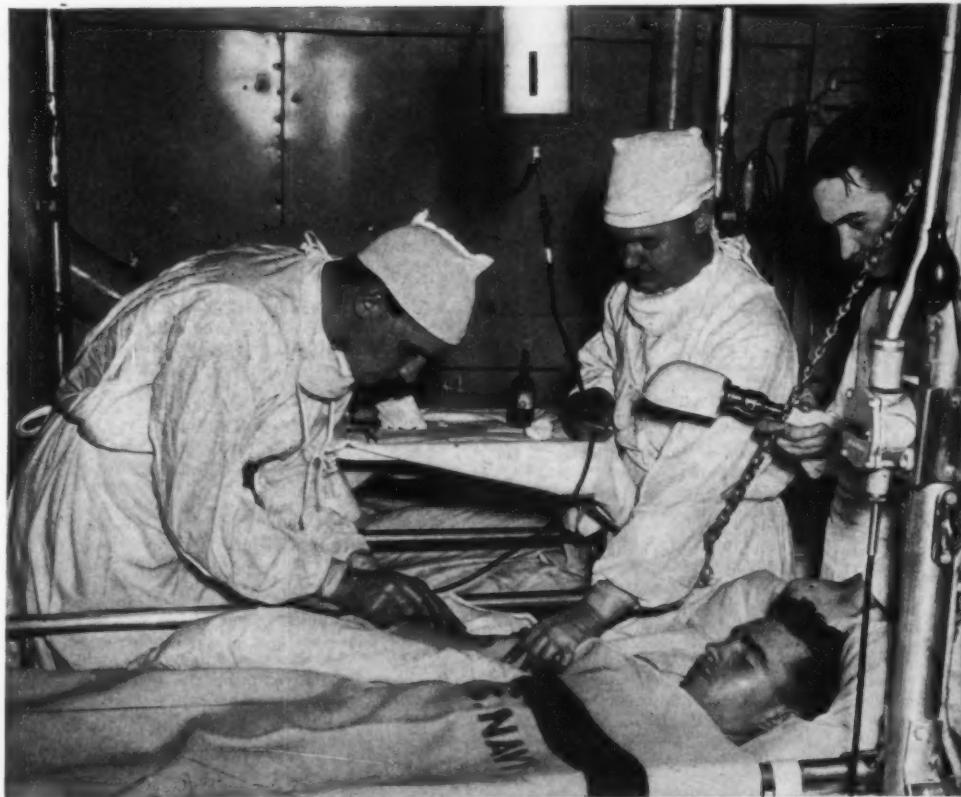
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# LEATHERNECK Sports

## TREASURE ISLAND MARINES PLACE TEN MEN ON NAVY FOOTBALL TEAM

Our Marines have contributed greatly to sports. Several of the men were on the Marine Softball Team from the U. S. Receiving Ship, "San Francisco," which won a name for itself in the Bay Area. Our bowling team consisting of 1st Sgt. O'Neal and Corps. Britton, Dobesh, and Krenicki earned an enviable reputation in the "850" League of Oakland, California. We now have ten men on the Navy Football team. This team has a promising future, and should have, with ten Marines contributing to a Navy eleven. A basketball team is now being developed, which will be heard from later. Judging from the present outlook it should be a winner.

## H & S BTRY., 10TH MARINES FIELDS CRACK QUINTET

To further prove that our battery is without par a group of the enlisted personnel banded together and formed a basketball team which has been burning up the local circuits with victories. Edward P. Goffos, Ned Axtell Jr., Leroy Talbot, Ross E. Hall, Edward L. Fritz, Irwin D. McClellan, and R. W. Anderson comprise the playing group with Dave Siebel acting as the trainer, and 1st Sgt. Neil heading the outfit as coach. Pfc. Keith Neal has earned a berth on the squad of the San Diego Bombers, local professional football team.

## FIRST ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY BOASTS WELL ROUNDED PROGRAM

On the Post there is keen interest in the athletic tournaments underway. The AA Battery has a good team in the Softball League in a player pool with the Scout and Division Headquarters Companies. The 1st Parachute Battalion which has been living next to the Battery challenged it to a tug-of-war; after a tense contest which plowed up the street, the umbrella men overcame the Ack-Ack lads to continue undefeated.

In the boxing tournaments that are getting underway the Battery has several strong entrants in Pfc. Raymond Richard, middleweight, and Pfc. Robert L. Cull, welterweight. During October the Battery went swimming in New River and Onslow Beach several times, hopping in the Renaissance trucks and taking off on Wednesday afternoons and week-ends. The Battery also went to Onslow Beach for a three-day problem.

## NATIONAL BOXING ASSOCIATION TO PRESENT BELTS TO FIRST DIVISION CHAMPS

The National Boxing Association has begun its quest of the ring champions of tomorrow in Uncle Sam's fighting forces.

The Marines were the first to land with an organized tournament of heroic proportions and the leathernecks hope they will unearth another Gene Tunney or another George LaBlanche, the only two Marines to ever win world's titles.

Two great world's heavyweight champions and five leading newspapers and sportsmen, will contribute to the success of the boxing tournament to determine the championships of the First Marine Divisions, Fleet Marine Force, as well as the championships of five of the Division's regiments.

Major General Philip H. Torrey, USMC, commanding the Division, accepted from the National Boxing Association eight gold belts, sponsored by the N. B. A., emblematic of the Division titles.

"The First Marine Division," said General Torrey, "accepts with thanks and appreciation the NBA's belts. These belts will do much to interest our men in competitive sports, will maintain their morale and provide entertainment for all in the Division."

Commenting on the award President Abe J. Greene, of the NBA, said, "This is the first step in the NBA's program to encourage clean boxing in our armed forces. The same offer has been made to the Army and Navy."

The weights for the Marine tournament are bantam 118, feather 126, light 135, welter 147, junior middle 155, middle 165, light-heavy 175 and heavy. The Marines run to heft. Hence the boost in the middle-weight limit and the elimination of the flyweight class.

The Division is billeted under canvas in the primitive New River area of North Carolina. It's boxing competitions and other indoor shows will be held in a gigantic circus tent.

Jack Dempsey has accepted the invitation to referee the Division finals and the Regimental team winning the team championship will receive the cup awarded by Lieutenant Commander J. J. ("Gene") Tunney, USN.

The tournament will be a bona fide elimination series starting with inter-company bouts under the supervision of battalion commanders. The battalion champions will then face each other for Regimental titles. These regimental championship meets will

be sponsored by and medals awarded by leading newspapers, sports organizations and sportsmen.

The Fifth Marines, under Colonel Robert Blake, USMC, will receive medals awarded and sponsored by the Washington Times Herald.

Fred W. Buchholz, prominent District of Columbia sportsman and former chairman of the D. C. Boxing Commission, sponsored and awarded the medals to go to the champions of the Seventh Regiment, commanded by Colonel James W. Webb, USMC.

Division Special Troops, including the parachutists, engineers, tank men and similar specialists units, under Colonel William G. Hawthorne, USMC, will receive titular medals awarded by the Wilmington (NC) Star-News.

The Charleston (S C) Post-Courier awarded the medals for the champions of the 11th (Artillery) Regiment, basing at Parris Island, S. C. They will come to New River, N. C., for the finals.

The Variety Club of Washington, D. C., has awarded medals and will sponsor the regimental championships for the Division Service troops under Colonel Martin J. Kelleher, USMC. This unit includes truck drivers, Navy medical troops and similar units.

In the Division finals, only regimental champions will face each other.

The tournament, to be conducted in a manner similar to an inter-collegiate meet, will be under the supervision of Lieutenant Colonel Harvey L. ("Heinie") Miller, USMC, who, in addition to being the Division's Morale officer is Executive Secretary and past president of the National Boxing Association as well as boxing coach of the University of Maryland.

## BOURNE FIELD ENJOYS ATHLETIC NAVY DAY

On Navy Day we witnessed nine bouts of boxing and one wrestling bout. Members of the Marine and Navy organizations at St. Thomas, participated. The officials for the evening were Lt. Colonel Rogers and Lt. (jg) Holbrook as judges, Ensign Beshley and PMS. Hasbrouck as referees, and Sgt. J. J. McGee, announcer. In the first bout we saw a fast, hard-fought battle between Don Scarboro of VMS-3 and J. Bosie of the Sub Base. After three rounds of hard slugging by both contestants the bout ended in a draw. Next we saw A. W. Smith of B.A.D., score the only T.K.O. of the evening when he won over H. B. Johnson of VMS-3 in the third round. O. E. Wilson of the Sub Base won over E. J. Sokolnicki, VMS-3. Next we saw an excellent performance in wrestling when S. S. Bell, B.A.D., easily defeated his opponent, W. J. Nordi of the Sub Base. Bell surprised everyone with his excellent performance. T. McKuhen of VMS defeated K. J. Belcher, of the Sub Base, E. J. Dougherty, Sub Base defeated D. A. Sabo of the Guard Detachment. W. R. Fly, G.D., won over J. H. Phillips, also of the Guard Detachment. In the semi finals, W. A. Rowe, Sub Base, failed to appear for his bout with E. B. Heilfruth, VMS, making it necessary to bring a substitute. V. Staeckowski, B.A.D., defeated Heilfruth after three rounds of excellent fist throwing and brilliant boxing. The main event between T. Efstatou, B.A.D., and Frank Nadasky, VMS, who was a last minute substitute for D. M. Whitford of the Sub Base, ended in a draw.



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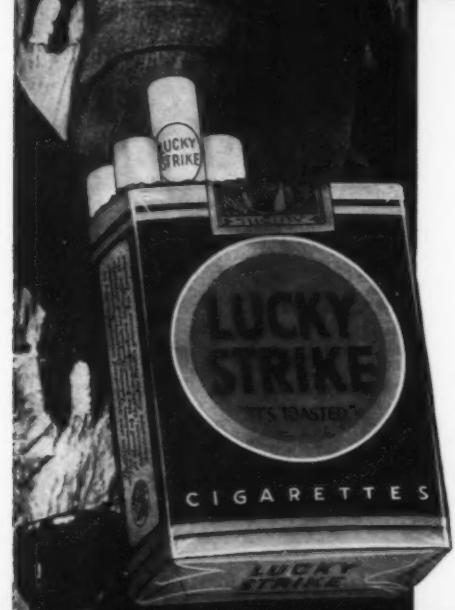
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# Bogarts' Bantering



Guess it's rather late in the season to be talking baseball but we hate to give up on it, particularly after the Yankee-Dodger fracas. We picked the winner but danged if we could pick the proper innings to win anything in the dozens of pools which ran wild everywhere.

The American League had sort of a field day. The Sox knocking off the Cubs in four straight games to retain their City-Championship. Incidentally, the Sox have had the upper hand over the Cubs since 1931. The last game of the series this year was totally devoid of earned runs.

After 16 years with the Cubs, old Charlie Root has been given his unconditional release. Root has won 201 games during his 16 years as a Bruin. Seems Charlie was offered a job as coach for the Los Angeles Angels. Root owns a ranch in Hollister, Calif., so jumped at the chance of working nearer home. Root originally came from the Angels in 1926 when he won 18 games for the Cubs. In 1927, his best year, he won 26 games. In 1929, when the Cubs won the pennant, Root won 19 and lost 6. He also had good years in '32, '35, and '38. But his World Series record was no wins and three losses.

With the departure of Root goes another old timer and there are but a few left.

We hear lots of moaning that tough breaks cost the Dodgers the series. We admit that they had a couple but not enough to offset the Yankees' heads-up style of ball. Speaking of tough breaks, had the Cards not been riddled with injuries all year, we seriously doubt whether Brooklyn would have even gotten a smell of the series. With Terry Moore and Enos Slaughter out of the lineup so much, the Cards never had a break. Those two men would have personally won 6 or 7 games for the Cards. But the Cards, too, would have gone down in the series. While most of the fans throughout the country were rooting for the "Bums," you have to hand it to the Yanks. They are a smooth operating machine, they make few mistakes, and bounce on the team that does make them. Luck does not play a big factor in their games in spite of arguments to the contrary. No team is lucky forever. The Dodgers have nothing to squawk about; they have \$4,800 to soothe their feelings.

Joe Gordon was named the finest player in the series by the baseball writers of NY. Joe batted and fielded the Yanks to the title, but of course he had lots of help. There was no question but what he was the sparkplug of the team.

See where Clark Griffith has given Buddy Myers his unconditional release. Buddy has been in big time for 17 years. Six years ago he won the league's championship batting .349. Myers has been bothered with stomach trouble for several years and

has not played his usual game for some time. All but one of his 17 years was with the Senators. That one year, 1928, he played with the Red Sox.

After seven seasons of pro football, Don Hutson seems to be as good as ever. He has slipped about as much as Joe Louis has and that isn't much. Even Moose Musso, the 270 pound vet of the Chicago Bears claims that he can't be stopped. In the first three games this season, Don had scored 17 points and was leading all pass receivers in number of passes caught and yards gained. Also one of his gains was the longest to date. Not bad for an old man. Incidentally, Hutson was named all-league end for four years starting in '37. With the swell ends playing pro football, that's something. To save his legs, the Packers now use him at end only on the offense. For defense, Don drops back to left half-back.

We don't hear so much howling now about the new rule allowing substitutions at any time the ball is dead. The big howl

rivals. Anyhow, a world series between two pro football teams would be something to see. It's not impossible, it's highly probable and maybe not so many years away.

Bowl teams are having a tough time right off the bat. Tulane, Boston College, Tennessee, and Stanford, all in Bowl games last year have gone down to defeat. The far west is in a mess. There is not an undefeated team there. For awhile we thought that Santa Clara would come through undefeated, but Stanford knocked them off 27-7 which was the worst defeat suffered by the Broncos in many a year. The Pacific conference looks weak this year although Stanford seems to be gaining strength after a poor start. The Indians to date are the logical Bowl team on the coast but they will have to rise to real heights to beat off Texas, Duke, Texas A&M, or whoever is invited to Pasadena.

Texas is bowling 'em over too regularly down there in the southwest. Bible has the best team seen in those parts in many a year. Too much was not expected from that source earlier in the season, but Texas is apt to get a far higher rating than the Great Golden Gophers. The Gophers have not won their games with such large scores but the victories have been convincing. Bierman never was one to run up unnecessarily large scores. Note how he yanks Bruce Smith out when he's not really needed? But the Longhorns have been piling up real scores. Possibly they've got a better powerhouse than we give them credit for, but they haven't bucked up against Michigan or Northwestern.

Army kinda' upset Notre Dame's applecart with that 0-0 game. The annual Army-Navy game will really produce some thrills this year. Of course we are picking the Navy but it will be close and tough.

To get back to the possibility of Navy at the Rose Bowl, there is already a lot of advance ballyhooing going on at Stanford. In spite of one game setback, the Indians will represent the west coast again. They are by far the best team out there and anyone who sells the Indians short is due for a beating. Their one loss has dropped them in the National standing, but we believe that only Texas or Minn could take them. Stanford against Navy would draw a quarter of a million fans if there was a place to put them. It would be a natural and no fooling.

The rest of the Bowl games are pretty much cut and dried already. That's what we think, so I suppose somebody will get knocked off just to make me look bad. At Dallas, Texas, in the

Cotton Bowl we pick Texas against Alabama, providing Alabama gets by Tulane. Texas really deserves the Rose Bowl but their game with Oregon on 6 December will hurt their chances for a bid, to say nothing of the scores they have been running up against major teams. The Longhorns are not very popular just now. How we would like to see the Gophers and the Longhorns tangle. The Orange Bowl at Miami might see any one of a number of teams play. Much depends on the results of the Okie and Sooner game and the Miss State-Duquesne game. The winners of these two games are apt to get the bid.

We have done a lot of talking and it will be odd if we are anywhere near correct.



was that it would slow up the game, but it hasn't so far. Also teams can afford to gamble more now that they can pass incomplete into the end zone on 4th down. There should be more scoring thrills this year than ever. There will be fewer field goals in college football but there never were many anyhow.

John Kimbrough may pep up the American pro league. The AL is having a tough time bucking the NL. Football fans can't see anything but the Redskins, Giants, Packers, Bears and so on just yet. With the public interest in pro football, there should be room for two leagues. Years ago, baseball's NL couldn't see the AL for beans. Maybe now they wish that they had held out and refused to recognize them as



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# West Coast



**RECRUIT DEPOT, SAN DIEGO MARINE CORPS BASE**—Well, another month has passed and Recruit Depot goes on just about as before. Things are about the same; nope, they don't change much here. That "wee hours" trudge from the main gate to the depot is just as long as it always was; even seems longer as that time of year has arrived when we walk around those thousand lakes in the streets which result from what the natives call "heavy winter mist."

The rains are doing wonders to the new landscaping, though. The newly planted grounds are becoming greener and cleaner-looking every day. Another change in the general aspect of Recruit Depot has come with the introduction of pith helmets. At last everyone is wearing the same kind of top.

Primarily, this section of the San Diego Marine Corps Base is for recruits; so let's look upon that which has been done in their behalf.

1st Sgt. Brandt's Saturday evening smokers are going over with a bang, and I do mean a "bang." Some of the bouts handle their duels with surprising skill. Some of them get in the center of the ring and slug it out until one is on the canvas. All of the bouts are exciting and the bouts love it. Of course, the cigarettes given away just before the bouts are also to be looked forward to. After the final bout of the evening, 1st Sgt. Brandt presents some little surprise battle of a sort. Usually five bouts get into the ring at the same time; from there on, there's no telling what's liable to happen. Sometimes they fight blindfolded; sometimes they, with their hands tied, look for money in lemon pies, flour bins, etc.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Reynolds has built an obstacle course for the Depot. It's good exercise and the bouts really enjoy the competition. Any platoon can use it during recreation hours and one day a week the Officer of the Day supervises. On that day, all second week platoons compete with prizes for the platoon winners. Some of the lads who quit jobs jerking sodas to join the Marines put on a real show. If we had bleachers and charged admission, I think we could almost balance the budget.

Speaking of courses, a couple of platoons have qualified 100 per cent on the bayonet course. Platoon Sergeant Henry M. Walter's fighting 130th Platoon hit the jack-pot first; later, the 145th, under

Platoon Sergeant Glen J. Hinrichs, swept the field.

The recruits are getting a taste of parading; formerly, they stood Colonel's Inspection Fridays and that was about as close as they came to the real McCoy. Now, every Wednesday afternoon they blossom out with full greens, leggings, and platoon guidons and parade for spectators to music by the full band.

Acting Corporal Donald H. Jackson of Sierra Madre, California, greatly increased the prestige of the Marines here last month. He was off duty and dressed in civilian clothes and walking along the shore with a girl friend when he heard a splash and a scream. A despondent young woman had jumped into the sea—attempted suicide. Jackson, without hesitation or thought of the danger to himself or his brand new suit, immediately dived in. The hysterical woman fought desperately, almost drowning both herself and Corporal Jackson. Finally he succeeded in getting her ashore, both of them suffering from exhaustion. According to reliable sources, it is expected that he will be recommended for the Naval Life Saving Medal. A local jeweler, Nate Baranov, heard of the act and, also, that Jackson had ruined his fine watch, a gift from his family. He thought so highly of the man's heroism that he contacted the Base and, at his own expense, gave Corporal

Jackson a brand new watch.

We lost a fine Adjutant this month, G. W. Hays, 1st Lt., USMCR. He was transferred to Headquarters Co., San Diego Marine Corps Base, to serve as Assistant Base Adjutant. Allan D. Schmulian, Major, USMCR, was transferred from Headquarters Co., San Diego Marine Corps Base, to Headquarters Co., Recruit Depot, to fill the vacancy left by Lt. Hayes. Naturally, we didn't like to see Lt. Hayes go, but Major Schmulian is very efficient and a real officer; we are fortunate in having him as our new Adjutant.

A number of the Permanent Personnel have left us for various types of training. Corporal Theodore Hander to Pensacola for flight training; Corporal Richard W. Cook to Lakehurst, N. J., for training in Parachute Troops; Private First Class Glenn C. Crooks and Private William G. Maypole to Philadelphia for Quartermaster Training; Leon Mazelle to Quantico for Candidates' Class.

Sgt. Major to Marine Gunner—Charles W. Case; Tech. Sgt. (Mess) to M-T Sgt.—Emile T. Jouaillou; Platoon Sergeant to First Sergeant—Charles J. Rose; Sergeant to Platoon Sergeant—James T. Elliott; Corporal to Sergeant—Carl Mattis, Martin E. Hines, Glynn L. Whitworth; Private First Class to Corporal—Leon A. Latnow, Jr., Howard D. Proctor, Joe L. Johnson, Edward E. Gemoets, James Cline, Jr.; Private to Private First Class—Willard B. Johnson, Delius A. Newton, Lyle D. Furman.

**COMPANY B, SECOND PARACHUTE BN.**, is about to become a "sky-side" outfit once again. Our excellent new loft is now in operation under the able supervision of Pl. Sgt. Sinclair, and we have been busily drop testing our new equipment these past weeks. We are all set now, however, and expect to start jumping again next week.

We have also found time for a lot of school on diversified subjects important to 'chutists and some work in the field since our arrival from Lakehurst. B Co. is made up of the 6th and 7th Parachute Platoons, and we are expecting more men from the East Coast any day.

Several 15-day leave periods have been granted, and of course the boys have been taking advantage of them to go back in the hills and snow under the poor innocent civilians.

Graduates of the "Snipers" school and "Hand and Rifle Grenadiers" school have re-



"Duke," mascot of the 10th Marines

turned to the fold and three potential "powder monkeys" sent to Quantico for the "Demolition School."

In the next issue we hope to be able to report favorably on the texture of the deck here as compared to the deck in Lakehurst . . . they didn't say anything about enetus or rattlesnakes up there!

In rapid sequence, promotions and transfers for the **SECOND SCOUT COMPANY**, have taken place within the ranks: Promoted to Sgt.: Stanley H. McConnell; to Corp.: O'Neill, Bennett; to Pfc. McCarty, Thessen, Frank (CP), Searcy and Schramm.

Transferred to other duties and stations: Sgt. Pittman and Pfc. Adamczuk; detached to Quantico for Special Schooling: Corps. Bennett and Black to 2d Base Depot, 2d MarDiv., and Coles, Mulvaney, Page and Zaro to Asiatic Duty with the 2d Engineers.

We take time out to welcome 2d Lts. Holly H. Evans, George K. Hooker, John R. Mayer and William P. Nye to the Second Scout Company . . . and we enlisted, sincerely hope they will find it most pleasant to be our officers . . . as the rough spots are ironed.

2d Lieut. R. L. Holderness, in absence of Capt. Bennett G. Powers, who is on official business in the nation's capital, is in acting command of the Company . . . and doing a fine job of leadership.

The Second Scout Company, always active, recently fired the "R" Course, with a 50 per cent qualification on the Rifle Range at La Jolla. The entire company has been continuously holding school in map reading, machine gun, field and combat tactics, driving of motorcycles, scout cars and "eats." It is no wonder, then, that under successful leadership, efficiently obeyed, the men in the Scout Company can justifiably show a good record not to be overlooked by other units of the Division.

The spirit of coordination, prevailing within the ranks, aptly tends to point to a high moral between the officers and the men.

There has been an increase of strength as new men have joined the company. Meanwhile we are glad to have Pfs. Turnbull, Ober and Ppts. Young and Lindsey back from USNH. Meanwhile, to James E. Spink now lying abed in USNH, we proffer our hopes he may join us again soon.

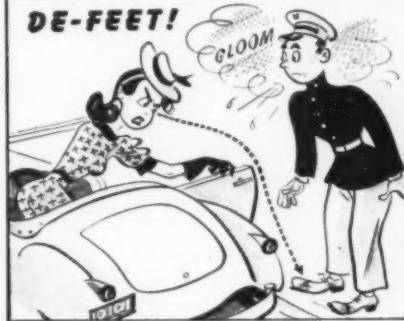
The Radiomen of this company have been doing an excellent job of teaching the ins and outs of Semaphore and Code to the other members of this organization . . . and a word of praise is due to Sgt. Victor L. Hanson who is to be thanked for the very evident results.

Coming to life, September 15, 1941, and sounding off for the first time, **COMPANY B, 2ND TANK BATTALION**, reports that it is the youngest organization here at Camp Elliott.

From that date, under the command of Capt. R. L. Denig, Jr., together with Capt. A. B. Swenceski, Executive Officer, and 1st Lt. T. A. Culhane, Jr., Company Officer, we have grown into a full-fledged company.

Early in the second week of "life," 2d Lt. R. K. Schmidt brought in a detail of men from Company A, 2nd Tank Battalion, Parris Island, S. C. More recently, 1st Lt. A. J. Stuart and 2nd Lts. A. E. Hol-

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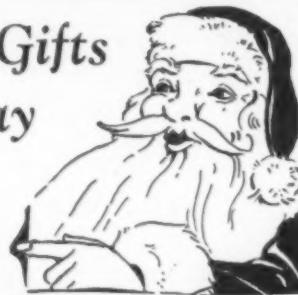


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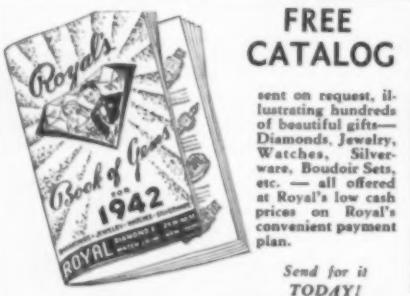
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land, J. M. Johnson, L. Metzger and E. M. Thomas, Jr., joined as additional Company Officers.

Since our beginning, First Sgt. A. Galinis, lately back from Asiatic Station, has been in the Company Office and busy keeping the organization's rolls up-to-date.

Our tank crews have been undergoing comprehensive driving instruction. This past week they were called out to give an exhibition, under assumed combat conditions, for a motion picture company.

At present we have men on detached duty at the Fleet Schools, Destroyer Base; the Hercules Motor Corporation, Canton, Ohio, and at the Armored Force School, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Sgt. A. M. Kale, ending his first cruise with character excellent and the award of a Good Conduct Medal, shipped over and is at present on a reenlistment furlough.

Recent promotions here include: C. C. Hansen, to Sergeant; M. M. Cleaveland, J. B. Roden, Jr., and H. J. Teague, to Corporals; H. J. Fischer, J. O. Lemeke, E. V. Lyon and R. O. Jeannot, Jr., sewed on their first stripe; Student Cook C. G. Moore graduated to Assistant Cook. Fifty of our men are now rated Specialist and word is that additional promotions are due soon.

The month of October finds **COMPANY C, SECOND ENGINEERS BATTALION**, still located at Camp Elliott with many new recruits and several promotions. Heading the list of newcomers are two able officers, Second Lieutenants Rupert C. Henley and Karl Smith. On the list of promotions is Corp. E. E. Bonawitz, and on the Privates First Class list are: J. W. Combs, J. C. Brightman, F. E. Winters, J. A. Woods, and R. C. Fry.

Company C has been on a training schedule for the past two months and during this time it has received a lot of worthwhile training. We have had hikes, too numerous to mention, and several overnight problems. Our training schedule will probably be at a standstill for a while, now that we are taking over the Camp Maintenance again, but we will see you again next month, from Camp Elliott.

With all the publicity the Marine Corps is getting in *Time*, *Life*, *The American Weekly* as well as the picture pulps and newspapers, it seems rather presumptuous of us to write an article purported to be news. However, perhaps the other reporters might have missed something. Here goes... (With all due modesty and humiliation.)

Change is the byword in the **FIRST BATTALION, 2ND MARINES**. Changes in organization, personnel and training are so common that an explosion of dynamite is about the only thing that would surprise anyone. If you don't believe us, come over and count the graying hairs on the Sergeant Major and all the Company First Sergeants.

Major Hough has come to the Battalion as Executive Officer, replacing Captain Presley who is now Regimental Adjutant. Captain Murray is Bn-3. With the close of Platoon Leaders' Class Lieutenant Robertson has returned, and is holding down the position of Battalion Adjutant. First Lieutenant Wogan has left D Co. for Motor Transport where we wish him the best of walking. The Battalion has lost the services of Lt. Losh who has gone to the Second Signal Company.

Recruits are coming into the organization, most of them going to Dog Company where

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they will be taught the mysteries of the lock, frame and barrel extension . . . remember that the double beveled edge goes up and forward. Since Mortar Sections have been organized in the companies, it is a common sight to see groups in the battalion area getting into position and on the aiming stake.

Landing Operations have been the order of the day. We've landed by company and by battalion, and all hands are thoroughly seasoned. While standing by, waiting to approach the beach, at the first battalion landing it was found that several sea-soldiers tend to lose a good deal of effectiveness along with their breakfasts when the beautiful blue Pacific is not perfectly calm.

There's nothing like a landing to bring out the old stories which invariably start out: "If you think this is tough, you oughta . . ." and so on into the night. No landing would be complete without somebody getting completely ducked and ours has been no exception. . . . Platoon Sergeant Collins of Co. D did the honors at the last landing.

The Wednesday afternoon softball schedule has been interrupted so often by company beer parties and guard duty that it is not possible to publish a company standing. C Company seems to be in the top position, however, due to having beaten Headquarters and the "Baker Bengals" while dropping one game to the machine-gunners which was something of an upset. Unbiased reports to this scribe are unanimous in the belief that of the diamond talent in the battalion, D Company has more than its share.

The training program is running its usual thorough course, accent being switched from landings and spit and polish to tactical problems in the field. "Movin' pitchers" are being employed to a large extent to enhance the schedule. "One picture," so the Chinese say, "is worth a thousand words" and certainly the organization has been exposed to many pictures.

Once again **HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, FIRST BATTALION, SECOND MARINES**, takes pleasure in appearing in this column and this time feeling like an old timer and one of the family. Now we are raring to tell one and all of the doings, promotions and what-nots in our company.

After living the "life of Riley" at the Base for about seven weeks, "Riley" came home and on October 13th we found ourselves on the move back to our old stomping grounds—Camp Elliott. It was a rare sight to see once again, especially the way buildings sprang up where boon-docks once used to be. Now we have about adjusted ourselves once more to Elliott even though we are scattered all around with part of the company in barracks and the other part in tents. However, we are anticipating the end of this separation by the completion of our new barracks.

One member of our company recently signing up for life on the USS "Matrimony" was Corp. David L. Looney, having been "sworn in" while on a fifteen-day furlough home. Congratulations and best wishes, Corporal Looney.

Rates were flying fast and furious this past month and in reciprocation for congratulations cigars were passed out by the following men in our company: FMSgt. R. J. Payton from FMCorp.; Corporals J. L. "Swoose" Anderson, R. E. Barker, R. E. Bradley, Harold Gitz and R. M. Fleming from Pfc.; and Pfs. Jerry Ragsdale, A. R. "Snowshoes" Beckman, E. L. Hyttinen and J. W. Smithberg from Privates. No sooner than receiving their warrants the

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boys were sporting their newly acquired chevrons, the same being duly "pasted" on by all.

Due to transfers into the Base Guard Company we are now minus the helping hands of First Sgt. George E. Hynes and Pfc. F. W. Brewer. Our new Top is First Sergeant Philip McGuire and another addition to our company is Sgt. Clarence C. Gifford. That's all there is with news in the making 'till we meet next month.

Howdy, fellows, here's **COMPANY A**, 1st Battalion, Second Marines, back again for our monthly chin session.

Before we go any further, let us take this opportunity to introduce and welcome some newcomers to the company. Space will not allow the mention of the outfits whence they came, but the main thing is, they are with us now. So, here they are: Platoon Sergeant Robert A. Bishop, Sergeant Clifford N. Long, Corporals Barton S. Hill, who, by the way, is on furlough, and Hobert L. Stilwell, Privates First Class Barnett T. Johnston, and Joseph A. Wadleigh, Privates Kenneth D. Casity, Kenneth J. Cornett, Alfred G. Garcia, William R. Goettler, Farris N. Greenlee, Frank J. Kanelopoles, Charles T. Kidd, Eddie Molino, and Louis L. Smith, and Field Musics Lewis A. Gossman and Avery G. Rasbury. Quite a mob, eh, wot? But worthy of the company, nevertheless.

Now, we'll about face and bid farewell to Private First Class Alexander L. Eaves, who was paid off October 6, and Private George L. Smith, who left us on October 10.

Gunnery Sergeant Ellsbury B. Elliott has taken over the chores as Top-Kick, and has been handling the work very ably. After a short stay in the Naval Hospital, here in San Diego, Platoon Sergeant Hursel Helton, is back with us, we are very glad to say, and is back in harness again.

Here is your reporter of **COMPANY B**, First Battalion, Second Marines putting out once again the latest dope from Camp Elliott.

This Company has had many changes in Officer personnel. Our new Company Commander is Lt. Thomas C. Kerrigan, who came to us from "Dog" Company while Lt. Mandeville (former Skipper) traded places with him, joining "D" Co. From Quantico, Virginia, we were happy to greet

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new Second Lieutenants Golden and Walters, raising our Officer strength to six.

Among the enlisted men we have Corporals Stringer, W. W., join us from aboard the U.S.S. "Oklahoma," while Corporal Longfellow, C. "J.," bid us adieu and wended his way home after finishing his second cruise. Our enlisted strength was boosted high by twenty new Marines fresh from "Boot Camp." The following are the new men: Privates Osborn, Howerton, Bradbury, Wright, Sylvester, Guthrie, Wilkins, Birch, Fisher, King, Olson, Ford, Gilbert, Lossee, Rochester, Sweeten, Vartanian, Williams, Zalondek, and Field Music Lyons.

Our transfers have been numerous including Field Music Sergeant Nelson, J. W., to Regimental Headquarters; Privates First Class Bowen, I. E.; Hoppe, H. A., and Stark, G. D., are now full fledged truck drivers in the Second Service Battalion. Pfc. Gamarra, G., and Private Potter, W. J., are watchdogs in the Base Guard Company. We lost Privates Bickford, W. W., and Metz, A. V., due to medical disability.

We are proud of Sergeant Love, E. T., who just completed a course at the Chemical Gas School and now has in his possession a certificate of graduation. Honors

also go to Private First Class Layton, W. F., who was promoted to Corporal just recently and who represents this Company and Battalion by playing on the "Regimental Five." They, by the way, have been mowing down all opposition in recent games.

The fortunate men who were privileged to give out cigars this time include Chief Cook Shephard, R. V., from Field Cook, Corporal Layton, W. F., from Pfc., Privates First Class Reck, W. P., Strain, M. G., and Wheeler, H., from Privates.

We are now located in tents and the fellows like it, but hope the new barracks will be finished soon. The Company has swung into Camp routine with vim and vigor, ignoring the "dust bowl" and learning field soldiering again. The boys are getting used to the new "Frank Buck" helmets and find they are very cool and ward off the hot rays of "El Sol" during the day.

The gong sounds, the second hand jumps forward, and fighting **COMPANY C**, of the Second Marines rushes from the corner without another "knockout" in news.

Things have really been flying since our last appearance in **THE LEATHERNECK**. Since that time we have lost the original company "Top," Patty Quinn, but in his place we have received one just as well read on military life. The newcomer is 1st Sgt. Henry G. Goldmeyer.

We are sorry to report the loss of Pfc. L. W. Morrisette and N. E. Dilley to the parachute troops but the boys thought life would be better in the air, and any day now one of them will probably drop in on Camp Elliott. Pfc. Moore and Sullivan were transferred to the Motor Transport Battalion and seem to be doing very well there

also. We have recently received eighteen new and promising "boots" directly from Recruit Depot and we are looking forward to these men to fill the place of the boys we have transferred.

Under the guiding hand of Sgt. Frank L. Pearman our mortar section is snapping into top-notch condition and the boys of this outfit expect to see a lot of their "stuff" on some of our future maneuvers.

Among recent arrivals to the company we are proud to boast of two new "Shavetails" 2d Lts. Roy O. Samson and Robert R. Manchester, a pair of officers that will surely help boost our company morale. While on furlough, 2d Lt. Smith took the oath for the one lifelong enlistment and after a short honeymoon brought his new bride to reside in San Diego with him. The whole company extends its congratulations and will be very pleased when the cigars are distributed.

We want to hand it to the Second Engineers and hope our new swimming pool will be a great success. We all are expecting to take a dip in it before the new year rolls around.

It seems that the first sergeant we were speaking of in last month's article, didn't last very long. "Goldy" Goldmeyer has been transferred to Company "C" from **COMPANY D, 2ND MARINES**. We don't know how appreciative they are, but soon they'll realize how beneficial this bald headed man can be!

Platoon Sergeant Harry C. Jordan, who has been acting first sergeant since the formation of the regiment, has regained control of the helm.

Excluding some details, Taswell C. Yeager has taken the final, fatal step—Taswell is now a married man with responsibilities. Tijuana will have to excuse him. A promotion also followed in quick succession. Taswell is now a Chief Cook.

Other promotions included Privates Leandro B. Luceo, Robert E. Poarch, Edward J. Dean to Private First Class and Privates First Class William J. Kinne and Reed M. Birdsall, have been promoted to the rank of Corporal. Almost immediately Corporal William J. Kinne was transferred to Second Motor Transport Company.

Since the loss of Captain Orin K. Pressley, Dog Company has changed company commanders about three times. Second Lieutenant Thomas C. Kerrigan, who since has been detached to Company "B" for duty as company commander, was commanding officer. Second Lieutenant Samuel D. Mandeville, Jr., a product of the deep South, is now, and it seems, will continue to be, commanding Dog Company activities.

Corporal William O. Northern and Private Ralph L. Austin are nearing the end of their term of enlistments. We want to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to them.

Corporal Gordon R. McCulloch, fresh from sea-duty, has also become a recent member of this organization.

The past month has been a momentous one for the **SECOND BATTALION, SECOND MARINES**. The untimely death of a member of the command, mass evacuation of troops from the Marine Corps Base, the induction of a new Battalion Commander, detachment of officers, and numerous other incidents have obscured the usual prosaic activities of an infantry battalion.

While returning from furlough in the East, a Marine attached to Company "H" was killed, and his three companions suffered multiple injuries, when their car collided with a lumber truck near Datil, New Mexico, September 20.

The fatality, Private Walter Grabara, Jr., a Hammond, Indiana, reservist, died a few minutes following the crash, which scattered wreckage along the expanse of the lonely desert highway. His car companions and fellow-Marines were Corp. Howard B. Johnson and Privates Edward A. Szewczak and Michael Ramirez, all of Headquarters Company.

The injured Marines—with the exception of Johnson, who is convalescing in the Naval Hospital, have returned to duty. The driver of the lumber-laden truck incurred cuts and lacerations, and possible internal injuries.

Private Grabara was attending the Irving High School, Hammond, Ind., when he was called to active duty with the 9th Reserve Battalion, last November. Outstanding as an athlete and scholar, Grabara would have been 19 in a few days. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Viola Grabara, of Hammond.

Corp. Harold Bales, a classmate and lifelong friend of the deceased, accompanied the remains to Hammond for burial, and represented the Second Battalion at the final rites.

This organization has had a shift in Battalion Commanders since our last news resume. Lt. Colonel Roy C. Swink, commanding officer since January, when the Second Regiment was recalled from dormancy, was detached to regimental headquarters, where he has assumed the duties of Regimental Executive Officer. Colonel Swink, a veteran of many campaigns, leaves behind him a bevy of admirers and well-wishers, who



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As this is written, the Second Marines are "squearing away" at Camp Elliott, following their en masse evacuation from the Marine Corps Base. All units are concluding the wearisome but essential task of adjusting personnel to the rigors of living under canvas. The regiment will occupy barracks early in November, when the construction projects are completed.

Lt. Bob Locke, the Kansas City *Journal's* hailed dramatic critic and music columnist and officer of the Missouri National Guard—and a frequent visitor to the West Coast—is a firm adherent to the hypothesis that the "hit songs" of the day dominate the lives of many of us. The Lieutenant related the following to the writer, the other day, which should merit a titter from his many friends throughout the Corps:

A venerable Georgia landowner was singing the "Hut Sut" song aloud. You know the lyrics:

"Hutsut rawlson on the rillerah and a brawla, brawly soot."

Well, before the poor Georgian had finished that much of it—he found he'd sold

his plantation to the Tobacco Auctioneer! With that, we'll cease firing till next month, when the mummers and carollers will herald the ever-anticipated Yuletide season.

This is your **HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, SECOND BATTALION, SECOND MARINES**, Scribe again blaring forth with another monthly broadcast.

A source of surprise to all, after having resided at the MCB, San Diego, less than two months, this organization is again stationed at Camp Elliott—the Corps' paradise of combat training camps.

Though our personnel has been softened these past few months due to the luxuriousness of base and Camp Elliott barracks, we are all again immune to the hardships of living in the great outdoors.

Having been authorized by the new tables of organization, the Mortar Platoon, formerly attached to this company, has been transferred to Company "H."

Two new officers, 2nd Lts. T. W. Houston and J. E. Herbold, Jr., joined this company from Companies "G" and "E" respectively. Lt. Houston is BN-2 officer and Mr. Herbold serves as Communication Officer.

The Battalion QM has been working over time lately, issuing chevrons to newly promoted men. Those promoted in this company include: M. O. Whitlow and L. J. Worm to Corporal, and W. G. Fulton, J. R. Garrett, J. T. Colson, and R. H. Schneider to Pfc.; also L. A. Adamek to Mess Sergeant.

Dissension broke out in ranks the other day when a Communication Corporal gave radio call signals while marching the men to chow. All is blissful now, however, since

the Communicators passed out a score of boxes of promotion cigars.

Pfc. Piatek and Hal Dowson are members of the Second Marines' cage quintet, which is forging ahead to the 11th Naval District championship.

Well, here we are back at Camp Elliott. Who? None other than **COMPANY E**, Second Battalion, Second Marines! After a sort of "Preview of Coming Attractions" stroll up from the base we arrived safely to be greeted by the first rain we've seen in months.

Due to a number of transfers we have many new faces and names in the company. They are as follows: Second Lieutenants James E. Herbold, Jr., George E. Metzenthin, John R. O'Hara, Alfred T. Videen, and John P. Wilbern. Also, Gunnery Sergeant Robert A. Reed, Pfc. Nelson S. Gerhart, Ambrose J. Lein, and Alfred G. McCormick, and Privates Merle R. Barrows, Jack D. Burrell, Raymond L. Cauley, John A. Davis, Milburn C. Dawkins, James W. Gray, and Leo J. Kubiak. We are glad to welcome them all to the company and hope they enjoy their tour of duty here.

In the last month there have been several officers transferred out of the company. These include Second Lieutenants James M. Johnson and John R. Mayer to Special Troops, Second Lieutenant James E. Herbold to Second Battalion Headquarters, and Second Lieutenant John P. Wilbern to "H" Company, Second Battalion, the last two still in the Second Marines. The enlisted men that have been transferred out of the company are: Sergeant Albert H. Abbott of Bremerton, Washington; Corporal Carter Fisher to Recruit Depot, Marine Corps Base,

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San Diego; Pfc. Charles W. Cummings, Wellford A. Jackson and Pvt. Edward De Santis to the Second Guard Company; Pfc. Marvin L. Elliott, James A. Jenkins, James M. Smith and Private Paul W. Clingsmith to Transport Company "A," Second Service Battalion, and Pfc. George Lerfond to the Second Base Depot. We are sorry to see these men leave and send our best wishes after them.

Besides the above men, there are three that are conspicuous by their absence, having been discharged. They are Corporal Wilfred D. Wooderson, Pfc. Rodney S. Hoppe, and Pvt. William W. Zenkus. Have a good time aboard the ship "U.S.S. Outside," boys; we hope to see you again someday.

Private Johnnie S. Wortman was also paid off, but for the purpose of shipping into the regulars, having started his enlistment as a reserve. Good luck on your new cruise, Johnnie.

During the past month some of the men turned student and attended various schools here. Heading the list was Platoon Sergeant Casner M. Kensick, who attended the NCO Gas School. The others, to date, are: Pfc. William H. Wake and Private Joseph L. Dozier, who are going to Intelligence School.

Life in COMPANY F, Second Battalion, Second Marines, is anything but mono-

nous—there is always something happening. This time it was another movement. We are back at Camp Elliott again after spending several weeks at the Base in San Diego. We are getting very good at packing up and moving on short notice. There was a minimum of confusion, everything went off smoothly. We returned to Camp Elliott the same way we left it—hiking, and now we are all settled and continuing our usual daily routine.

The beer party we mentioned in the last article was a great success. Everyone had a good time and you can't beat a party of that kind for getting the old and new members of an organization acquainted. Our Gunnery Sergeant, Gene P. Welch, is a good man in anybody's beer party and he proved it. Yes, sir, all in all, it turned out to be such a big success that we intend to have another party very soon.

Sergeant H. J. Muelendorf is back from the hospital and appears to be none the worse for his long illness.

We understand there will be some more promotions made soon and are waiting anxiously for more "dope."

We are glad to welcome some new officers into the company. They are: Second Lieutenants John L. Miller, Meryl F. Kurr, Robert L. Raclin, George R. Wentzel, and Harold Zelinsky.

The company went on a hike yesterday

that was a real test of endurance. We went eleven miles in two and a half hours, and that's traveling—try it some time.

**COMPANY G**, Second Battalion, Second Marines, has moved back to Camp Elliott. The old dusty plains and hills looked good to most of the "City Slickers." Living in tents where we are very close to mother nature, will be quite a contrast to pounding pavement on the parade ground at the Marine Base in San Diego, and shining brass work and scrubbing decks in the barracks.

We haven't had any more baseball challenges since this rugged "G" Company took "F" Company into camp last week. We're waiting on other Second Division companies to challenge.

The following officers and enlisted men joined this organization recently: Officers joining from Quantico, Va.: Second Lieutenants Thomas E. Clarke, Joe B. Griffith, Jr., William G. Smith, Arthur J. Rauchle, and DeWitt Shepard, Jr. Enlisted men joining from Recruit Depot, Marine Corps Base, San Diego: Pvts. Thomas R. Carnahan, Richard D. Singleton, James H. D. Walz, Leo S. Walker, George J. Weidell, John P. Williams, Robert F. Steiner, Hewitt D. McCrory, and Richard LaV. Hodson. Company "G" takes this means of saying "Welcome to our organization"—may your promotions be rapid.

We're sorry to say we lost Second Lieutenant Thomas W. Hutson. We sincerely hope the Lieutenant will be satisfied with his new organization—Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Second Marines, in which he serves as Intelligence and Company Officer.

This month, as usual, finds the men of "G" Company still getting promotions. Those promoted include: First Sgt. Albert S. Borek to Sgt. Major, and Pfc. Bloomquist to Corporal. Corporal Bloomquist's well-earned promotion was enjoyed by all when he passed out a box of cigars.

Furloughs this month were taken by Corp. Termini—back to Indiana, Pvt. Lyons down to Texas, Pvt. Gersch to dear old Louisiana. PlSgt. Gerschoffer has just returned from a thirty day furlough spent at Pacific Beach.

Via "barking dog teams." **COMPANY H**, Second Battalion, Second Marines, executed a move from Marine Corps Base to Camp Elliott. The Company's new theme song is "Back in the tent row again."

The most heart-breaking news of the past year was that of the death of our beloved comrade, Walter Grabarn, Jr. Walter was one of the most popular members of this company and those who knew him will always remember his ready smile and willing hand.

New faces are becoming the fad in this company. Nearly sixty new recruits have been added to our roster.

Proud possessors of additional chevrons are new Corporals Fransein and Johnston. New Privates First Class are Garcia, Anderson, Owens, Finn, Whitaker, Czarnecki, Wilkinson, Zimmerman, Robbins, Kent and Smith.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Privates Taylor and Wilson upon their recent graduation from Radio School with high marks.

Our First Sergeant, W. Townsend, is enjoying a re-enlistment furlough. When last heard from he was in Phoenix, Arizona, breaking in a new car.

A reorganization of platoons was held this week with a few of the more capable

men being transferred to a new fifty calibre machine gun platoon. In addition to the fifties we also have a mortar platoon with Lieutenant B. W. White in command.

Lieutenant A. L. Lyman and Lieutenant J. P. Wilbern are new additions to the staff of officers. Lieutenant Lyman is now our executive officer and Lieutenant Wilbern is commanding the fifty calibre machine gun platoon.

Latest reports from the U. S. Naval Hospital state that Captain Roy H. Beird, former commanding officer of this company, is rapidly improving. All members of this organization are anxious that he return soon.

Well, the **THIRD BATTALION, SECOND MARINES**, has been moving and house-cleaning again. On October 4th we marched out from the Marine Corps Base to Camp Elliott for a Regimental parade, and on October 8th followed up our "preview" at the camp by marching out again and moving into tents. Now that the dust has settled about the Battalion area we are ready for work in the field.

On October 3rd we received new blood in the form of fourteen brand new Second Lieutenants fresh from the Marine Corps Schools at Quantico and eager to receive their first commands. Not many hours had passed before these young officers were overawed by the immensity of that God-given gift to all Second Lieutenants—a sergeant, that remarkable possessor of all knowledge and endless capabilities.

The first day or so after its arrival, this "new blood" was much in evidence in the red faces of certain young officers who issued their first orders. Ever undaunted, these enthusiastic men endowed with the spirit to go forth and spread "The Word," learned and appreciated the fact that their platoons "knew their stuff."

This month finds **COMPANY I**, 3rd Bn., 2nd Marines, squared away in our new home in the tent city at Camp Elliott. What a change from the barracks at the Base to these canvas overheads. Lots of the men have been to camp before, and the new men seem to regulate themselves to camp life fast. We sure hate to get up in the mornings when reveille blows, although we know it means "Up and at 'em," but the cold almost pins us in our sack.

Our company has been bolstered by joinings of Second Lieutenants Woods and Whalen from Basic School, and seven men from Recruit Depot. We lost to the Base Guard Battalion, Sergeant Harris, Corporal Harris, Pfc. Meiller and Privates Blackmon and Jeter.

As we go to press, examinations for promotion to Corporal and Sergeant will be under way. And from all indications there has been quite a bit of that "midnight oil" burning. Guess the fellows really are fighting for the extra stripe.

Now as to the humdrum (?) daily routine. Things have been humming, Drill, firing practice, etc., have been proceeding with increased intensity, and thank the Lord, effectiveness. The days are full to overflowing.

As we go on into our training at Camp, we are looking forward to another very interesting training period. We all remember the "Bull Sessions" held while in bivouac before and are looking forward to them again. With our able officers and the help of the NCO's the training is going over in a big way. I am again afraid that the

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**CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 461 (Continued)**

1. In time of war or national emergency enlisted reservists of every class are obligated to report for active duty when so ordered under authority derived through general or specific orders from the Major General Commandant. During the present emergency, orders for the mobilization of Organized Marine Corps Reserve battalions, and instructions for ordering individual reservists to active duty, have included instructions concerning individuals who desired either deferment of such orders or discharge from the Reserve. A number of enlisted reservists have failed to comply with orders issued for them to report for active duty. Previous instructions from this headquarters to battalion commanders and reserve district commanders provided that a report of such cases should be submitted to this headquarters. In the case of any enlisted reservist of any class, that is, either Organized, Volunteer, or Fleet, the policy of this headquarters is to take the same action that would be taken in the case of any enlisted man who is an absenteec from the regular Marine Corps.

2. References (a) and (b) will apply during the present emergency in the case of any reservist who fails to report for active duty, provided there is evidence that the individual reservist concerned actually received lawful orders to report for active duty. When such orders have been issued, in any particular case the question of proof of receipt of orders by the individual concerned is governed, as in any other case, by the rules of evidence. In this connection, attention is invited to reference (c).

3. In cases described in paragraph two above, the entry required by Article 7-6, Marine Corps Manual, will include a brief statement that orders were issued for active duty and the method of communicating them to the man concerned. The following is an example of an entry that might appropriately be included when applicable:

"Orders issued by letter mailed 1 Dec. 40 by Dist. Comdr. 4th Res. Dist., to report at M.B. Nyd. Phin., Pa. 10 Dec. 40 for physical exam and assignment to active duty; govt. transportation request provided."

4. Section 6 of the Naval Reserve Act of 1938 precludes the discharge of members of the Fleet Reserve, as undesirable or otherwise, prior to the expiration of their term of service, without their consent, except by sentence of a court-martial, or, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy, when sentenced by the civil authorities to confinement in a State or Federal penitentiary as a result of conviction for a felony.

5. Any recommendation for discharge of a Fleet Reservist as undesirable should be accompanied by an authenticated copy of the court record showing:

- (1) That reservist was convicted of a felony.
- (2) Nature of felony found proved.
- (3) Sentence of the court.
- (4) Place designated for the sentence of confinement.

**CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 465**

14 May, 1941.

T. HOLCOMB,

From: The Major General Commandant.

To: All Officers (Regular and Reserve).

Subject: Public Relations.

References: (a) Article on Public Relations appearing on page 50, Reprint of Headquarters' Bulletins Nos. 1 to 123, dated 1 November, 1937.

(b) Pamphlet "Instructions for Gathering and Distributing News, United States Marine Corps, 1935," approved 22 October, 1934.

(c) Pamphlet "Instructions for Gathering and Distributing News, United States Marine Corps, 1941," approved by the Major General Commandant, 14 May, 1941.

(d) U.S. Navy Regulations, Articles 113, 114, 124.

(e) Navy Department General Order No. 96.

**CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 460**

29 April, 1941.

From: The Major General Commandant.

To: All Officers.

Subject: Procurement of aviation cadets for flight training, Marine Corps Reserve; change of policy regarding.

References: (a) MGC letter 1965-90-15, A-286-iw, dated 7 January, 1941, approved by Sec. Navy.

(b) Section 15, Chapter 13, Marine Corps Manual.

(c) Naval Aviation Personnel Act of 1940, approved 27 Aug., 1940.

I. On and after 1 July, 1941, all Aviation Cadets will be procured, appointed, and trained by the Naval Reserve. Applicants for flight training will agree to accept a commission in either the Marine Corps Reserve or the Naval Reserve as may be determined by the Secretary of the Navy. In brief, the new policy in connection with the procurement and training of aviation cadets, in so far as pertains to the Marine Corps, is as follows:

(1) All candidates for flight training as aviation cadets will be procured by Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Boards.

(2) Accepted applicants for flight training as aviation cadets will be enlisted in the Naval Reserve as Seaman second class.

(3) Those found qualified for further flight training at advanced training centers will be appointed aviation cadets in the Naval Reserve.

(4) Immediately prior to specialized training at advanced training centers, boards for selection of applicants for commissions as second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve will be convened. Commissioning in the Marine Corps Reserve will be effected on completion of instruction at advanced training centers.

(5) The number of aviation cadets selected for commissions in the Marine Corps Reserve will be determined by the Secretary of the Navy. (6) Board for selection of aviation cadets for commissions in the Marine Corps Reserve will be convened at the various training centers. The first such board is expected to be convened about 1 January, 1942.

(7) Selections will be made from volunteers for commissions in the Marine Corps Reserve in a manner similar to that now prevailing at the Naval Academy in the selection of midshipmen for commissions in the regular Marine Corps.

(8) In the event sufficient volunteers are not available, the selection boards at training centers will be directed to select such additional members of the current graduating class as may be required to meet the numbers determined by the Secretary of the Navy. Selection will be made equitably with reference to class standing from each class and not from one particular section.

2. The general, educational, and physical requirements for appointment as an aviation cadet in the Naval Reserve parallel the requirements laid down in Article 13-170, Marine Corps Manual, except that applicants may be appointed aviation cadets in the Naval Reserve at an age approximately nine months older than in the Marine Corps Reserve, and only three references are required instead of five.

3. Reference (b) will be revised to conform to the above described joint procurement policy prior to February, 1942, the prospective date the last class of aviation cadets of the Marine Corps Reserve is expected to complete instruction at Naval flight schools.

4. Applicants from the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Reserve, active or inactive, for flight training in the Naval Reserve as aviation cadets, are authorized to make applications to the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Boards via their Commanding Officer without reference to this Headquarters.

## CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 458

28 April, 1941.

From: The Major General Commandant.

To: All Officers.

Subject: Reports on fitness of Reserve officers.

1. From time to time officers of the regular service submit reports on the fitness of reserve officers with notation such as "Above the average Reserve Officer of his grade."

2. Reserve officers subject to fitness reports by regular officers are in practically all cases on active duty in the same status as regular officers, and in fitness reports they should be considered in comparison with regular officers only. Accordingly, they will be marked as though they were officers of the regular service and no consideration will be given to the fact that they are Reservists.

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## CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 460 (Continued)

(5) By reference (e) the President is authorized to appoint in the line of the regular Marine Corps, by and with the advice of the Senate, as many naval aviators of the Marine Corps Reserve as he may deem necessary. The Act provides, in part, that applicants for such appointments in the regular Marine Corps shall, on June 30 of the calendar year in which appointed, have completed not less than eighteen months of continuous active service next following the completion of their duty as aviation cadets undergoing training, and shall, on June 30 of the calendar year in which appointed, be less than twenty-six years of age. Ex-aviation cadets in the Marine Corps Reserve, when so commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve next following completion of instruction at a Naval flight school, become eligible for consideration for selection for commissions in the regular Marine Corps pursuant to reference (e). Applicable provisions of reference (e) will be incorporated in the forthcoming revision of reference (a).

6. Although the Marine Corps, under the joint procurement plan above described, does not have the responsibility for actual procurement of aviation cadets, it must lie constantly borne in mind that the aviation cadets of the Naval Reserve will represent the source of supply for the majority of the future Naval Aviators of the Marine Corps, both regular and reserve. It is imperative, therefore, that Naval Aviation Cadets Selection Boards be given full cooperation at all times, to the end that the high standard now prevailing may be continued. All applicants from persons in the Marine Corps and the Corps Reserve will be directed to the nearest Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board in care of the nearest Naval Reserve Aviation Base, as follows:

1. Boston (Squantum), Mass.
2. New York (Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn), N. Y.
3. Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Penna.
4. Washington (Anacostia), D. C.
5. Atlanta, Georgia.
6. New Orleans, La.
7. Dallas (Grand Prairie), Texas.
8. Detroit (Grosse Ile), Mich.
9. Chicago (Glenview), Ill.
10. Minneapolis (Wold-Chamberlain Airport), Minn.
11. St. Louis (Robertson), Mo.
12. Kansas City (Fairfax Airport), Kan.
13. Long Beach, Calif.
14. Oakland, Calif.
15. Seattle, Wash.

Application from civilian prospects should be referred to the nearest Navy Recruiting Station, or a Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board. Application will not be addressed to the Navy Department direct, as applications will not be considered unless forwarded by Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Boards having cognizance.

T. HOLCOMB.

29 April, 1941.

## CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 461

From: The Major General Commandant.

To: All Officers.

Subject: Disciplinary action in cases of enlisted reservists.

References: (a) Section 3, Chapter 45, Navy Regulations, 1920.  
 (b) Section 2, Chapter 7, Marine Corps Manual.  
 (c) Section 311, Naval Courts and Boards.  
 (d) Opinion of JAG, "In amenability to disciplinary action of members of the Marine Corps Reserve who fail to report for active duty when ordered, "Navy Dept. file KW/P13-9 (401206) over J:fmh, approved 26 March, 1941.

1. The Secretary of the Navy has determined that enlisted men of the Navy and Marine Corps serving at the following named places, who are not furnished government quarters and rations in kind, are entitled to be paid the per diem allowance provided in table 1B, of Executive Order No. 8740: (Exception No. 4 still to modify.)

Ceylon, New Zealand, Fiji Islands, British Guiana, South America, Federated Malay States, British North Borneo and Sarawak, Netherland East Indies, Azores Islands, Bahrain Islands, Cape Verde Islands.

2. The allowance authorized in table 1B are quoted:

"B. Special—When assigned (except as hereinafter provided) to Europe, South America, India, Africa, Australia, or at such other countries or isolated stations as determined by the head of the department concerned, or when absent from their ships on temporary duty not involving travel:

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(b) Quarters	.....	2.10	1.90

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## CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 465 (Continued)

- News items, particularly of the "Home Community" type that are valuable to the recruiting service, are not being received in sufficient quantity.
- Attention of all officers is directed to the importance of furnishing material that may be used in keeping the public informed of the activities of the Marine Corps.
- Commanding Officers of posts, or detachments, will designate an officer to be known as the Contact Officer, whose duty as such will be the gathering, editing, and distributing of news. (A commanding officer may designate himself as Contact Officer.) When Contact Officers have been designated, action will be taken, if necessary, to insure proper functioning by those concerned.
- Contact Officers will submit a monthly report to the Major General Commandant of the number of "Home Community News" items that have been furnished to District Headquarters Recruiting Stations.
- Reports will be submitted also by all officers concerned, particularly recruiting officers, of the amount of radio time, secured by them and the type of broadcast used.
- Instructions by which all officers concerned will be governed are set forth in references (e) although nothing herein authorizes any departure from the provisions of references (d) and (e). Reference (e) will be distributed in the near future by the Publicity Bureau, Depot of Supplies, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Additional copies of reference (e) may be obtained from the same source, as needed.
- The necessary forms to carry out the foregoing may be obtained upon requisition to the Publicity Bureau, Depot Quartermaster, U. S. Marine Corps, 1100 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- References (a) and (b) are cancelled.

T. HOLCOMB.

15 May, 1941.

## CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 466

- Until further notice the minimum age for enlistment in the Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve is seventeen years.
- Until further notice enlistment in the Volunteer Marine Corps Reserve will be for the duration of the national emergency. In both the declaration and oath of enlistment contracts, Form N.M.C. 321c, the words "a term of four years" will be crossed out and the words "duration of national emergency" inserted in lieu thereof.
- While the foregoing regulations remain in force any instructions in the Marine Corps or elsewhere in conflict therewith are suspended.

T. HOLCOMB.

16 May, 1941.

## CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 467

- Commissioned officers of the Marine Corps Reserve on active duty (other than naval aviators) who satisfy the following conditions will be eligible:

1. Eligibility of Reserve Officers for appointment as Second Lieutenants in the regular Marine Corps.

Reference: (a) MGC Circular Letter No. 403, dated 1 Nov. 1940.

## CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 469

21 April, 1941.

From: The Major General Commandant.  
 To: All Officers.  
 Subject: Promotion of warrant officers with permanent warrants in Marine Corps Reserve.

- A quota of 31 warrant ranks (permanent warrants) is hereby established for the Marine Corps Reserve. Of this quota, 21 vacancies have already been filled.
- Requirements for the permanent appointment of members of the Marine Corps Reserve to warrant rank will be identical in all respects with those for the appointment of regulars (see Article 2-21, Marine Corps Manual).
- Appointment to permanent warrant rank in the Marine Corps Reserve will be made upon the approved recommendations of a selection board of commissioned officers convened at Headquarters, Marine Corps.
- All commissioned officers on active duty are authorized to recommend, through official channels, noncommissioned officers of the Reserve who, in their opinion, possess the qualifications requisite for performance of the duties of the rank for which recommended.

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## CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 473

From: The Major General Commandant.  
 To: All Officers.  
 Subject: Submission of reports on fitness on Reserve Officers in connection with eligibility for regular commissions.

Reference: (a) MGC Circular Letter No. 467, dated 16 May, 1941.

- Reports on fitness of Reserve second lieutenants on active duty will be submitted on the last days of March, June, September, and December of each year, and at such other times as prescribed in Article 137, Navy Regulations, for second lieutenants in the regular service. The same procedure will be followed in the cases of any Reserve first lieutenants on active duty who are eligible for consideration for regular commissions under the procedure outlined in reference (a).
- Special attention will be paid to the demonstrated or apparent qualifications of these Reserve officers to meet in all respects the standard of a regular officer, and in addition to the other information called for in the fitness report form, if the reporting officer considers that the officer reported upon is suitable regular officer material he will so state under par. 16, "Remarks." Where more than one Reserve officer serving under the same reporting senior are considered suitable regular officer material, the statement should indicate his opinion of their relative merits in this respect. No statement regarding suitability for a regular commission will be made except in cases where an affirmative statement can be made.
- One of the principal considerations in the selection of eligible Reserve officers for regular commissions will be the manner in which they have acquitted themselves while on active service, and the attention of the officers concerned is particularly directed to the importance of the exercise of discriminating care in the preparation of their reports on fitness.

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## CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 473

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## CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 475

4 June, 1941.

## CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 467 (Continued)

**From:** The Major General Commandant,  
**To:** All Officers.  
**Subject:** Recruiting Publicity.

References: (a) Marine Corps Circular Ltr. No. 467, dated 14 May, 1941.  
 (b) Pamphlet, Instructions for Gathering and Distributing News, U. S. Marine Corps, 1941.

1. In order to stimulate recruiting the Major General Commandant has directed that a section to be known as the "Publicity Section," Adjutant Inspector's Department, be established. A Reserve officer experienced in publicity work has been assigned to duty in charge of this section.

2. Contact officers, appointed as directed by reference (a), and functioning under instructions of reference (b), are urged to communicate, via their commanding officers, with the Major General Commandant (Publicity Section, Adjutant & Inspector's Department) relative to specific instructions which they may require.

3. All officers are urged to send in any ideas which they may have, and also newspaper clippings, etc., which they believe may have news value. This may be done informally by enclosing pencil notes, clippings from newspapers or magazines, photographs, etc., in a franked envelope addressed to the Publicity Section, Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps.

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## NOTES

ble for appointment as second lieutenants in the regular Marine Corps, without examination other than physical, in such numbers as required by the needs of the service as determined from time to time:

- (a) Be unmarried, a citizen of the United States, over 20 and under 25 years of age on appointment in the regular service;
- (b) Have completed creditably not less than one year of continuous active commissioned service with a unit of the regular Marine Corps;
- (c) Be recommended as suitable regular officer material by commanding officers in the regular service;
- (d) Be a graduate of a nationally or regionally accredited college or university;
- (e) Be selected for appointment by the Naval Examining Board (Marine Corps) from among those recommended, after consideration of records and recommendations received.

2. Any selected candidate otherwise qualified, who does not meet the condition specified in 1(d) above, will be required to pass the written examination prescribed in reference (a) for noncommissioned officer candidates for appointment as second lieutenants. A reasonable time for preparation will be allowed in such cases by this Headquarters.

3. To give effect to the above policy, commanding officers who are charged with the submission of reports on fitness are requested to submit on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July, and 1 October of each year, recommendations of Reserve Officers under their command who have completed, or within the ensuing three months will complete one year of continuous active commissioned service, and who meet the other conditions prescribed. Recommendations will be addressed to the Major General Commandant marked RESTRICTED, and will be forwarded through official channels. No candidate will be recommended who is not considered to be suitable regular officer material in all respects, and the recommendation will contain a specific statement on that point, together with any additional pertinent comment. Where more than one eligible Reserve officer is serving in the same organization, the recommending officer will state his opinion of their relative order of merit.

4. Due to the length of time required to complete necessary administrative work in connection with the final selection, examination, nomination, confirmation and commissioning of candidates, no Reserve officer should be recommended for a regular commission who will reach his twenty-fifth birthday before his appointment can be accomplished. Generally speaking, after completion of the full year of service, an additional month or six weeks will be required to effect the appointment of those who are required to take only the physical examination, and about three months in the cases of those who must take the written examination referred to in par. 2.

5. It is hoped that a considerable number of appointments in the regular service may be made from this source in the future. The responsibility for the selection of the best qualified candidates will rest largely upon the officers in the regular service under whom they serve as Reserve officers, since final selections will necessarily be based primarily upon the reports which the regular officers submit and the recommendations which they make. In view of the vital importance of this matter to the future efficiency of the service, and in justice to the Reserve officers concerned, commanding officers are urged to give most serious thought and careful consideration both to their reports on fitness and to any recommendations which they may submit.

T. HOLCOMB.

news is all out, so until next issue your correspondent bids all hands, "adios."

**COMPANY K.** Third Battalion, Second Marines reporting once more the highlights of the month.

"K" Company has received four new officers: 2d Lts. Campbell, Robert A.; McLean, Bernard W.; Smith, Sam W.; and Tyzzer, Robert N., Jr. We are rapidly filling to fighting strength. New boots joining every week. The boots that we have received the last three weeks are Pvt. C. O. Broussard, J. W. Busbee, L. G. Cleaveland, T. H. Dacus, J. W. Estis, D. N. Keaster, E. L. Knight, W. Kimbrell, J. P. Kotyuk, W. E. Moore, J. A. Oshier, E. Page, C. Partin, A. G. Rachall, K. E. Rhoten, T. S. Rickwa and O. M. Wylie, Jr.

The Special Weapons Platoon has been formed and is drilling at every possible chance. 2d Lt. Sam W. Smith is the Platoon Leader, second in command Gy-Sgt. W. L. Beardin, Chief of Mortar Section, Sgt. R. E. Dawson, Chief of Light Machine Gun Section, Sgt. H. B. Guice.

Transfers took Corp Don E. McPherson, Pfc. Leon McPherson, Methvin, and Vantata, all to the Motor Transport. Sgt. T. T. Allen went to the Base Guard Company. Pfc. C. B. Hayes joined us from Mare Island and is now in charge of the third platoon.

Here's **COMPANY L.** Third Battalion, Second Marines, bouncing back at you with another article for THE LEATHERNECK.

With the wheel of progress still rolling, we clicked over the first cog, and found ourselves back at dear old "Dust Bowl Elliott." However, Camp Elliott has changed decidedly in the past few months. A line of barracks stretches almost a mile long, baring their red roofs toward the cloudless skies, giving us the title of "The land of Sunshine." This title, no one can deny, for the thermometer has been shooting a red ribbon toward the heavens for the past few weeks. However, true to California traditions, comparatively cool nights have prevailed, which makes the time for "hitting the sac," one of our objectives.

We have, again, been blessed by the usual receiving of recruits, although this time the amount was increased almost two-fold. To set the ball rolling, we had the pleasure of adding to our rolls namely, Privates: D. Dickerson, R. Duckworth, J. Egnatovich, A. Engram, D. Fisher, C. Gray, D. Hanson, W. Houghton, G. Kallenberg, L. Lane, J. Philpot, H. Strickland, S. Todd, R. Traver, J. Trundle, J. Turner, and T. Wild. A hearty greeting is extended to all of you.

We regret the loss of our former Company Commander, Second Lieutenant Holly Evans. The helm of our ship is now taken over by Second Lieutenant Howard J. Smith, a former "K" Company officer. We are also proud to introduce three new Lieutenants, who are as follows: Second Lieutenants Eugene Key, James Grace, and Edward Meaney, all of whom hail from Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va. Welcome to the company, and we hope that your stay with us will be a long and pleasant one.

Again some minutes from the "Seconds"; **COMPANY M.** Third Battalion, Second Marines has been feeling the symptoms of "growing pains." By this we infer that like the rest of the Corps, "M" is keeping up with the trend and expanding. Our little fold is growing by leaps and bounds and naturally with its growth new blood has been injected in its veins. We have

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been "blessed" with a couple of 135 pound babies, in the form of mortars. They came from Headquarters Company when we incorporated that platoon in our organization. Naturally when a company grows it requires leaders; to wit, we received six new officers to assist Captain Van Ness in the training and perfecting of this outfit as a combat unit. They were in the persons of Second Lieutenants C. L. Dancey, K. G. Johnson, W. C. Lowery, T. Wheeler, and M. R. Williams, who came from the Reserve Officers' class in Quantico. We also joined 2d Lt. H. C. Hudgins, who came to us with the Mortar platoon from Hq. Co.

Gunnery Sergeant Nelson, Platoon Sergeants Sadler and Lightsey were among the NCO's that joined this company during the last month, along with a number of Sergeants and Corporals too numerous to mention here. The thing to get across is that we are glad to have all of the new men with us and have already been able to see that they are of the caliber to keep up the spirit for which this company is known.

With the expansion of this command came the need for more room in which to train and the Base did not offer just that so back out to Elliott moved the Second Marines. Due to the fact that there were no accommodations in the barracks we are spending a short respite in those cozy little two man tents. The mode of living is a small matter these days for we spend very little time in our bunks. Most of the day is spent in the field utilizing every moment of daylight to put into practice that which we have learned in the class room. With new recruits coming in every week it is a big job for the non-coms to keep the new men up with what is going on but with the type of boys that are being turned over to us it is no surprise to see them catch on to the whys and wherefores of the tasks they are to perform.

In the reformation of this company to a Weapons Company we have but the nucleus of our anti-tank — anti-aircraft platoon formed but under the able guidance of Platoon Sergeant Hooe and Pfc. Hickman, the latter being fresh from the "sea" with plenty of work on the "fifty's," this unit will be right up to snuff in a short time.

Promotions, as usual, rate a short mention in every article so . . . Corporal Hempill was raised to Sergeant, Pfc. T. J. Scanlon went to Corporal, as did Pfc. Joyce. Examinations were given some of the other men to form another list for promotion. The

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office force, namely the company runner and company clerk, surprised the non-believers by coming out third and fourth, respectively in the company elimination exam. Of course that is just the beginning and at the time of writing all are hitting the books for the big one to come.

All of this rapid fire enlargement has made the work pile up on the office force until they have to keep the midnight oil burning, so, until a future date this little record of events will have to be terminated.

Friends, in this outfit we promote 'em all. Yep, **HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY, EIGHTH MARINES**, hits the old jackpot every so often. For instance, this month we congratulate the Regimental Commander, Colonel Henry L. Larsen, for making the Brigadier General list. We're also happy to hear that Lieutenant Colonel Victor F. Bleasdale is now due for Colonel; both these officers probably feel just as your reporter did when he made the list for Platoon Sergeant.

It isn't often that we get the chance to pat so many people on the back, nor do we often have so many cigars backed up. Let's continue this business: if Colonel Larsen gets a job in the Division and Lieutenant Colonel Bleasdale gets the Regiment, they'll be directly superior to this list of men who have added stripes. And what a list! Start with Technical Sergeant Fernand A. Landry, continue with Sergeant Everett E. Ford, through Corporals Truman A. Crosby, Clarence M. Hanna, Marion L. Stone, Gerald S. Epperle, Charles O. Johnson, Harvel L. Moore, William D. Pierson, and Leslie W. Hawkey. Finish up with Privates First Class Jack C. Smith (who is now in USNH,

San Diego, because of an intractable motor-bike), Donald C. Schad, Kenneth C. Langness, Leon L. Ward—remembering all the time the gentlemen who remain still on the list.

So now the outfit is quite a company. Sticking to numbers rather than names, we count just twelve officers and one hundred sixty-six enlisted. Not bad, hah? Last month we joined one medical officer and one chaplain, both Lieutenants (jg), John Skinner and John A. Magyar; we added John A. Rogers, Corporal, from the 2nd Signal Company; Pfc. Paul V. Johnson from "A" Company, 1st Battalion; Pvt. Guy L. McDuffie from the Engineer Battalion, and nine gents from Recruit Depot. Listing them, Privates Charles W. Brain, John S. Bush, Sidney M. Smith, Clarence W. Upham, Myles H. Hall, John H. Morgan, Jr., Wayne L. Pickett, William G. Brooks, and Frederick J. Trostel, Jr.

Much to the surprise of the "rumor mongers" who had the latest dope "straight from their pals in high places" **HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 1ST BN., 8TH MARINES**, is still at Camp Elliott; they had us ready a dozen times to embark for places situated all the way from the frozen north to the sunny tropics.

We have taken part in some interesting field exercises and have a flock more on schedule in the near future—that is, providing the over-due rainy season does not arrive. If it does, swimming instruction will be more suitable. It only rains part of the year in "Sunny California," but when it does rain it makes up for the time lost.

There have been several promotions in the past month: Floyd E. Hester and Cur-

tis E. Coker making staff sergeant (CP) while Willie D. Hornsby made staff sergeant (Baker); Kenneth B. Boyd and Dale W. Simpson were promoted to Sergeant (CP) and (QM), respectively. Lloyd C. Gregoire, William L. Keane, William G. Newman, and Lloyd R. Riggs all made corporal (CP) and Max L. Rowan made Corporal in the BN-2 Section; Paul J. McKinney, William E. McEvers, Gail V. Murray, Ary E. Nason, William A. Vogelsang and William R. Weber all made Pfc.

Sergeant Major W. V. Sheldon shipped over in the Regular Marine Corps and enjoyed a furlough in the north woods. Lieut. Spires, 1st Sgt. Stothers and Pfc. Thompson formed part of a detail that went to San Clemente Island for a short "vacation"; they came back sun-burned and wind blown and Thompson reports that they worked so hard that he had no ambition to chase goats in the hills during the evenings.

Plat. Sgt. V. E. McDonald has returned to his job as Battalion Police Sergeant after holding down the Company Office during the absence of the First Sergeant and now he is finding lots of work for the boys in odd corners around the area.

Our first rain of the season has fallen and thanks are being given to the parties that caused the new asphalt roads to be constructed and the barracks to be so near completed. There have been a lot of changes made since the last year when we spent most of our time in "swimming" around the tent area when we were not sliding in the mud.

Since our last report **COMPANY A**, First Battalion, Eighth Marines, has been getting along fairly well. We now have a strength of one hundred and twenty men.

We joined five men from Headquarters Company as follows: Willie D. Hornsby, StfSgt.; Joseph P. Dale, Pfc.; James R. Gregston, Henry C. Porter and Melvin C. Boseley, Pvt. We gladly welcome them and hope they enjoy being with us.

We have been going on quite a few night maneuvers, which we all enjoy, especially over and under these canyons. We are all anxiously waiting for the three day problem coming up this week.

We now have Captain Michael S. Curran as Company Commander. We also joined Second Lieutenant Raymond C. Portillo, and Second Lieutenant Quintin A. Bradley. First Lieutenant Grant Crane was transferred to Company "D" for duty. We were sorry to see him leave and hope to serve under him again.

The weather forecast is a little different this time. It rained last night and this morning, and it looks as though the sky may fall out now. I'm not a weather man but I think it's about time for winter and these nice California rains.

This is about all we know at the present time so we had better close here.

**Suspend Firing!** As the rifles cool off during an interlude in the mock wars and sham battles, **COMPANY B**, 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, pauses to say "Hello" again. During the past two weeks, we have been getting in shape for our Division problem which is to take place this week. We are all hoping the weather man doesn't predict rain. He may do that, for it rained last night.

Here we are doing knots around the anchor chain. Just as last year, rumors are flying thick and fast, but we didn't go any place then and probably will not this year.

Since we last sounded off, 1st Lieut. A. J. Stuart has gone to tanks, and in his place as company commander we now have 2d Lieut. R. T. McNow. The men in the com-

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pany have been coming and going, too. If I were to name them it would take a quarter of a page. Our company strength has remained almost the same, however.

This is **COMPANY C**, 1st Bn., 8th Marines, sounding off again. Contrary to the usual article, we hereby promise not to utter one word of "gum beatin'."

It must be that the California Chamber of Commerce is a mighty force in the Marine Corps, for no sooner had winter set in, than we were issued sun helmets, and maybe you think the boys don't look cute.

The first part of the month found us at La Jolla in the wee small hours of the a.m., trying to sight in our rifles. In fact, if it hadn't been so dark, we all might have had a nearly correct zero.

All hands have written letters to Ripley asking for recognition as "human pin-cushions." We have been shot so full of juice that it is beginning to run out our ears.

"War is Hell!" This fact was brought to us with emphasis the other night, when we found ourselves on an all-night problem without any bedding rolls. Everyone took it with pretty good grace, however, and except for a few bags under bloodshot eyes, no one could tell the difference.

Promotions have come rather fast of late, and the Q.M. is thinking of reissuing hats in accordance with expanding head sizes. The men wish to congratulate all the new NCO's and all the rest.

"Another day another dollar; another month another article," from **COMPANY D**, First Battalion, Eighth Marines.

When we get through blowing the horn about the things we have done of late, the pages of "ye Olde LEATHERNECK" will be full.

First of all we have had two overnight problems and I do-o mean problems. It's all exciting and helpful. "Dog" Company specialized in catching "Snipers" on our last problem. Catching a total of 5 out of 8 for the entire 1st Battalion. Not bad, eh? Taking into consideration our hard hitting machine-guns; our deadly anti-tank anti-aircraft platoon; and the close support of our A-1 Mortar Platoon we think makes us the strongest company in the Regiment. Most of our boys are veterans in the field, and due to their wide range of experience have imparted a goodly share of their knowledge to the newer members of this command. Due to this excellent instruction, our Company moves in an orderly manner in the field with none of the "slip-ups" over bedrolls, water, chow, etc.

This month will be remembered by quite a few members of this organization for it was during this time that they received their long-awaited promotion. We now take time to congratulate the four boys that made Pfc., the six who made Corporal, the one new Sergeant, and let's not forget our new Pl-Sgt. We all give you a hand, fellows, you earned it.

This period has indeed been good to us, for it is my privilege to extend a welcoming hand to five Second Lieutenants that joined us from Basic School.

**HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, SECOND BATTALION, EIGHTH MARINES**, reporting. Communication platoon, 2-8, has had quite an eventful past month. We have had two different Communication Officers since Lt. Moore left to go to signal school at Fort Monmouth. Lt. Ellis, who relieved Lt. Moore, is now attending Signal School at Ft. Benning, Ga.

We have received a lot of new Communication equipment in the last month, we really have been putting it to good use on several recent problems. The month of October has been practically spent in the Boon Docks, with problems of from two to four days each week.

Two weeks ago Wednesday, we threw a grand beer party. All of the fellows who made rates in the past few months put up the money.

Several of the fellows are home on furlough at the present, nearly everyone has now had their furlough.

Our Mess Sergeant has been promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant (mess). The whole Battalion joins us in congratulating StfSgt. Prenger, who, in our opinion, is tops in the whole Division.

Well, old **COMPANY E**, 2nd Battalion, Eighth Marines, has seen many changes since we met here last month. The more recent, as well as the more important, of these happenings is the change in Company Commanders and in First Sergeants. Second Lieutenant Harold S. Roise was detached to the USS. "Maryland," and was replaced by Second Lieutenant Elmer L. Gilbert. First Sergeant Schwalbe was transferred to Base Service Depot, and an old timer from among our old list of Platoon Sergeants came up to take over the head non-com. job with his brand new First Sergeant's warrant. Lots of luck on your new job, First Sergeant Byrd.

During the month, Private First Class Robert Sullivan was promoted to Corporal, and Privates Anthony Ferraro and Charles Duncan both received Private First Class stripes. And, in the mess hall, Assistant Cook Boyer has passed out the cigars to celebrate his new Field Cook warrant. Congratulations to you fellows, also.

We jointed Private First Class Ballenger from the Tenth Marines, and we lost Corporal "Doe" Coghlan to the recruit depot through transfer. Also among those to leave us recently were Private Leslie J. Farris, Jr., who was discharged by medical survey, and Private First Class Fritz L. Rohden, who was discharged upon expiration of enlistment, and who is probably back in Texas by now.

News from "Dust Bowl Elliott" as it is seen by **COMPANY F**, 2nd Battalion, Eighth Marines.

The Company is once more able to say that training has begun in a big way. Hikes have been coming steadily every week and, as usual, "F" Company is able to report that all the men are in their best condition and ready for more.

We wish to take this opportunity to welcome 2d Lieut. James M. Carlson, 2d Lieut. Frank H. Vogel, Jr., and 2d Lieut. Jonathan H. Price, Jr., into our Company. After the way our Officers took the lead in our two-day field problem this week we are sure that "F" Company will continue to hold its good name.

This writer finds **COMPANY G**, 2nd Bn., 8th Marines, in fine spirits in their Camp Elliott home. Last month you remember me telling you of proposed softball encounter between the Privates and the Officers and NCO's. Well it came about, and as far as "G" was concerned, aroused more interest and high tension than the world series, which happened to be in progress at same time. Result was as predicted and the officers and NCO's were hard to get along with for several days after such a humiliating defeat.

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All and all, the picnic was a huge success and the majority of the boys are yelping for more outings of the same caliber.

Greetings and luck to our new officers, 2d Lt. J. K. Egan, 2d Lt. H. W. Edwards, and 2d Lt. Etherton; also to Private J. G. Chapman. We regret to say that 2d Lt. A. E. Holland was detached to Division Special Troops, Private A. Altman transferred to MCB, San Diego, and Corporal W. H. Dunn discharged.

**COMPANY H**, 2d Bn., 8th Marines, back on the air again and this month's news finds us very much the same as last month only the days were longer and the nights colder during our weekly hikes. Last month's blisters are much harder and easier to walk on. Rates were few this month, but those who received them are very noticeable and all hands are hoping for more. Welcome to 2d Lieutenants Gordon B. Nelson, John C. Sheffield, Jr., Charles H. Trippett, Jr., and James J. McKeller. All hands are with you all in wishing for a successful cruise with us. Now for a little scuttlebutt from each platoon, to begin with:

Mortar Platoon . . . Pfc. Chambers and Cpl. Burch, the quiz kids who helped H Company win in the quiz programs held during our nightly camp fires . . . Welcome to 2d Lieutenant James J. McKeller, who joined our platoon and we're with you one hundred per cent . . . Under the guidance of 2d Lieutenant Napton our platoon has received a 5-0 during our hikes and maneuvers . . .

Machine gun platoons . . . Under the leadership of 2d Lieutenants Jordan, Oddy, Nelson, Gary, and Rickert this outfit proved

its worth during this last month's maneuvers and woe to any potential enemy that would try to contest our ability . . . Sgt. Pappy Stroud was quite a quiz kid at our nightly quiz programs on the hike . . . Our company commander, 2d Lieutenant Fraser, proved himself to be an outstanding master of ceremonies in our nightly programs held around the camp fires . . .

Headquarters . . . has very little to offer only that the hikes and maneuvers have kept us unusually busy and that our blisters don't feel any too good . . . The galley cooks are the most popular men on these hikes and much credit goes to them for maintaining supplies in such orderly fashion considering all the inconveniences . . . sorry, but all there is left is periods, so see you all next month . . .

tenants James O. Bell and John L. Hopkins, respectively.

Corporal Charles R. Puckett has taken over Sergeant Jack H. Martin's position here in Battalion headquarters, as Personnel Clerk. Private First Class Clarence L. DeShayes has taken over the duties of Change Sheet and Ration Clerk, which was held by Corp. Puckett until his recent promotion. (Or could you call more work a promotion?) At least, Headquarters is doing plenty of work.

Here's the news from your monthly reporter giving you the latest dope from **COMPANY I**, 3rd Bn., 8th Marines.

Our company welcomes back our commanding officer, First Lieutenant G. D. Rich, who has had the duties as instructor of the Rifle Platoon Tactical Class the last few weeks. We also welcome to company Second Lieutenant Edward D. Johnson, Second Lieutenant Houston Stiff, and Second Lieutenant Donald L. Weiler from the Marine Corps Schools, MB, Quantico, Va. Second Lieutenant Robert H. McCormick returned to his duties as Executive Officer of the company from the Regimental Machine gun school, while Second Lieutenant Dale F. Miller returned to duty from a 15-day leave.

We have three promotions to mention in this article, that of T. C. Psenicka from Pfc. to Corporal, F. E. Andrews and L. E. Hamilton, Jr., from Private to Pfc. Corporal A. L. Pinegar, who having just joined our ranks, was transferred to Hq. Co., Recruit Depot, MCB, as a Drill Instructor for our future Marines. Private Delbert L. Ledgers transferred to Service Troops, Second Marine Division, MCB. We have two men who have joined our enlisted ranks since our last report, FM John N. Saylor from Hq. Base Troops, MCB, and Private Charles E. Dewey from Recruit Depot MCB. This month has also brought about two discharges, that of Marvin H. Starke a Private who's father died since his enlistment, last June, and the Medical Survey of Pfc. Emmett J. Elliott.

Several Training Classes were finished since our last report. Sergeant Henry Brzezinski, Corporal George (Sonny Boy) Walker, Pfc. Gerald T. Dixon, Pfc. Lawrence E. Goldman and Pfc. LeRoy Hook received their diplomas from the Rifle Platoon Tactical Class. Sergeant August Sacker, Jr., finished a week's training in Gas School. Sergeant Berry Phillips and Corporal Edmond C. Clarke finished the Grenade Instruction. Corporal Floyd W. Brown and Pfc. Richard R. Anderson finished their period as Bayonet Instructors. Pfc. Ned E. Crutcher and Pfc. Palmer K. Durdahl completed the rugged Scout Snipers' Class.

Well fellows here we are again, **COMPANY K**, Third Bn., Eighth, going just as strong and efficient as before.

This time we are reporting from Camp Elliott and I'm telling you quite a change has taken place in the old camp since the last time we were out here. On our last cruise at Elliott we lived in tents with the nearest water at least a half mile down the nearest. Hot water just wasn't known. However, this has all changed, we are now living in new frame barracks with hot and cold water at the finger tips. The barracks are even air conditioned. The streets are being paved and no longer will anyone be able to refer to our camp as "Lake Elliott," or the "West Coast Dust Bowl!"

The company extends greetings to 2d Lt. R. C. Watts, 2d Lt. F. S. Watts, and 2d Lt. F. J. Farias, who recently joined the

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company from Basic School. Lt. F. S. and R. C. Watts are twins.

Congratulations to Pfc. Michael P. Konz and Billy "J" Schueler on their recent promotion to Corporal. Private Knodel also has taken a jump up the line to Pfc.

Corporal L. A. Brown and Corporal M. P. Konz have returned from the Scout Sniper School, under the direction of Chief Marine Gunner Crow, and Gunnery Sergeant James E. Hunt and Pfc. Paul Zuk have returned from the Rifle Platoon Class bringing the strength of our company back to normal again.

Corp. George L. Greathouse is acting as company police sergeant while Gy-Sgts. Hunt and Brown take turns in handling the periods of drill and instruction for the company.

The first week the company spent in the field was with mattresses, three or four blankets per man, overcoats and any other gear that might keep a man warm during the long night. When we went out with regiment only two blankets in the form of a horseshoe roll were taken along. Quite a difference, but we all lived through it and are anxious to go again.

.... And not to be slighted, COMPANY L, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, gives forth the following "straight dope."

The past month has seen our boys participating in both Battalion and Regimental problems. A right fine showing they made, too. Both problems were of two day duration; that meant one night in the field. Thanks to the mild climate of "Sunny California" (pardon the plug, but we intend to collect from the local Chamber of

Commerce), sleeping out was very fine. Next week we have Division Maneuvers. They are very likely to be a bit rugged. We're hard as nails, so let them pour it on. (Wipe that smile off your face, "Leathernecks," we are only trying to keep up our morale.)

From Marine Corps Schools, Marine Barracks, Quantico, we now have with us Second Lieutenants Sam F. Graham and John V. Fleming. We are glad to have them with us and hope they like their new home.

Congratulations to Corporal Willard E. Wommack. Those glistening Corporal's chevrons are most becoming.

Last month saw two of our men sent to the Hospital due to automobile accidents. That is a pretty high percentage from one company. It made us all do some thinking and a little more careful driving.

We are all very proud of our new pith helmets. The boys call them "elephant hats." Scuttle butt has it that next month we get the shorts to go with the helmets and then—and then—the elephants to go with the hats. Dr. Livingston and Frank Buck, look to your honors, the Marines are taking over.

This is COMPANY M, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, at Camp Elliott, San Diego, reporting for the month of October, 1941.

The most important field exercise of the month was the Regimental Field Exercises, October 14 and 15. A regimental in the assault, night and day, night patrols, and withdrawals with part of Headquarters Company of the regiment acting as the enemy. Everyone worked hard and acquired valuable training from the operations.

During half of September and October, 1st Lt. James C. Bennett, our company commander, was sent to the U. S. Naval Hospital at San Diego, and this month (October) was welcomed back; but this welcome is evidently to be short-lived for Mr. Bennett has orders to return to the hospital, possibly for a medical survey.

The Executive Officer, 1st Lt. Kenneth H. York, obtained the results of his long leave of absence this year, when last month he received the word that he had passed the bar examination of the State of Colorado. Cigars were in order for everyone.

First Sergeant Samuel O. Soper was unexpectedly notified of the fact that he was to be transferred to the Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif. The entire company wishes him happiness and success at his new post. First Sergeant Theodore R. Beck relieved him, and is welcomed back to a company in which he has served so well previously.

Pfcs. George Pettyjohn and Howard B. Schroeder were additions to the Marine Corps Parachute Troops; happy landings. Pvt's Loveridge and Walsh were discharged, SOMGC and MS, we wish them success in their new civilian status.

Corporal Owensby and Pfcs. Pry, Nicholson, Anderson, Sorrels, and Ward were all promoted during the month of September.

Now that the battery has had its quota of furloughs and we are moved and settled in our new barracks here at Camp Elliott, REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE BATTERY, 10TH MARINES, can settle down to a more orderly existence.

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ranted by five of our distinguished personnel. Our fine Staff Sergeant, Stanley A. Nowak, has been promoted to Technical Sergeant in the Communication Platoon, Corporals Burt H. Dreyer and Joseph Koubra were given warrants as Sergeants in the Quartermaster Department, and Corporal Merle M. Van Horn was raised to Sergeant, and Pfc. James R. Thomas to Corporal in the Paymaster office.

A complete new roster of corpsmen grace our ranks, headed by George C. Heiland, PhM1c, assisted by Edward L. Jamison, HAMc, and Delbert Glatfelter, John D. Hill, Jr., and Charles L. Hall, HAM2es.

The dance put on by and for the 10th Marines was a complete success and promises to establish a precedent for other regi-

ments here at Camp Elliott. The enlisted men's committee was headed by our very capable 1st Sergeant "Cheezy" Neil, to whom a large share of the credit is due. Other men of the battery were placed on responsible committees to insure the success of the undertaking.

Pfc. Leslie R. Love has just completed a course in Division Intelligence School and Corporal Charles R. Juhuke has been transferred to 2nd Engineers.

It sure seems as though the time for new articles for The Leatherneck comes around pretty fast. But like everything else in this period of the "Blitz" that is not unusual for **HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE BATTERY, 1ST BN., 10TH MARINES.**

As has been the top news in the past, so it is again "Promotions" and those who are now sporting one or more stripes on their arms and passing out the "el ropos" are: Meryl "D" Kindler and William B. McGrath, having joined the ranks of the hard working QM gang as Corporals. Congratulations, fellows. Now we can expect great things from that bunch. Next to get that much sought after Corporal stripe was Weldon R. Gentler, that congenial clerk from the Sergeant Major's Office. Charles L. Weldon, Gy-Sgt. Barrieu's man Friday, was another one of the lucky ones who now has become a Corporal; Privates Richardson, Jack D., Randolph, Joel P. (CP) George, James P., Purl, Marion W., Strazbosco, Richard M. and several others whose names are not fresh in my mind at this writing. All weighted down with that strip which means so much towards that tough old climb up the ladder to becoming good successful NCO's the backbone of any man's army.

There were a few transfers during the month. Among those leaving was Pfc. Gibbons, Nolan R., who went to the MB, Norfolk, Va., to attend preparatory school for entry in the U. S. Naval Academy. Well, Gibbons, the whole battery wishes you all the luck and hope you make the grade. Next was Pfc. Pickerell, Walter D., who went to the MB, Washington, D. C., for further consideration for transfer to the Embassy in London, England. Well, Pick, I suppose we will be hearing from you from London soon, and I feel that with his leaving there were a few envious hearts left here in the battery. Corporal Kilroy also left us for the Base after a rather unsuccessful fling at Artillery.

Our Battery CO has been as busy as a one armed paper hanger for the past couple of months; we haven't seen anything but just flashes of him. As you see he is going to school, but today the school was completed and now we will have him with us all the time. During his absence the battery has been taken care of by 2nd Lt. Strickler and 2nd Lt. Brown. Capt. Kirk is with us again after having been in the hospital for overhaul. 2nd Lt. Boyer is now undergoing the same treatment.

Last week we took to the field for a few days; it was a hard fought war that took place and I am still up in the air as to who won. After having a taste of that kind of war the outfit can hardly wait until we taken to the field again this week. There was one man on that last trip out who could do little else but find time to hunt a place to sleep and then to turn up number one in the chow line; he has a good surprise coming up.

It has just been rumored and a good reliable rumor that Corp. DuPre has been promoted to Sgt.

**BATTERY A**, 1st Bn., Tenth Marines, this month reports from a new home, Barracks No. 28, topside. With the entire deck to ourselves, and our special duty men back from "tent city," we are very comfortably situated. We are blessed with sufficient space to provide offices for the Commanding Officer, and First Sergeant; also private quarters for our Non Coms. Police Sergeant Beckley is getting our billet into first class shape and is assisted by Pfc. Engelke and Lambson, who, at present, have everything, including clothing, covered with paint.

This month has brought about many changes in the Battery. Captain J. C. McHaney, our Commanding Officer, and the ever-popular Lieutenant Owens are both attending the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In their places, however, we are fortunate to receive Lieutenant W. H. Best as our new Battery Commander. Lieutenants S. E. Bailey, Jr., and L. M. Barnes joined us from Quantico, Virginia. With our Reconnaissance Officer, Lieutenant Edgar, back on the job after a few days' illness, and Lieutenant Oldfield, our Battery Executive Officer, busily engaged in training our new men in their duties as cannoners, we are indeed a very active battery.

Our CP force received two new men in Pvts. William P. Cancienne and Cecil E. Wells, from Telephone School. Pvt. Wells is at present on emergency furloughs due to the serious illness of his mother. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

The entire battery extends condolences to Pvts. John M. Naes, Jr., whose brother recently passed away following an automobile accident near St. Louis, Missouri.

More promotions since our last report: Sgt. Phillip H. Beckett has been advanced to Platoon Sergeant; Corporal Loren M. Beckley is now wearing sergeant's chevrons (at least he wears them occasionally); Pfc. J. T. Humphres, Jr., C. W. Irvin, L. M. G. Kaczmarzinski, M. W. Warner, and Harry A. Werland received Corporal Warrants; and Pvts. Ernest Acrey, Frank Eberle, Raymond Forbus, Steven McCluskey, Eddie Waples, and Donald Zeah are now Privates First Class. Pvt. Eugene Griffin received a fourth class specialist rating. Congratulations, all!

Gy-Sgt. Mitoff has returned from Rigger School, Corp. Quinlan has been transferred to "C" Battery and Pfc. Sears to Division Special Troops. Pfc. John D. Killen, Jr., and Pvt. John C. McNichols are in the Naval Hospital, while Pvts. Louis Gilliland and Arnold Cravens have just returned from there.

California's sunshine and cool breezes prevailed for the first part of the month and **BATTERY B**, 1st Bn., 10th Marines, accomplished several two-day maneuvers, which were revealing in the fact that they proved to many of the doubting Thomases that all of the new men have stepped into the role of fighting men very aptly. Our first trip led far up into the reaches of Mission Valley where we bivouaced on the floor of a small valley which turned out to be the ideal spot for a camp. The chow was good and plentiful and the first evening, with a large group of Eighth Marines, we had a song-fest and a quiz contest that turned out to be very entertaining. Another fine feature of this entertainment was that all hands were pleasantly drowsy after it was all over and turned into their rolls feeling that all was well with the world.

Promotions have been justly awarded to many of our most promising members; Corp. Alford to Sgt.; Pfc. Brister, Clark and

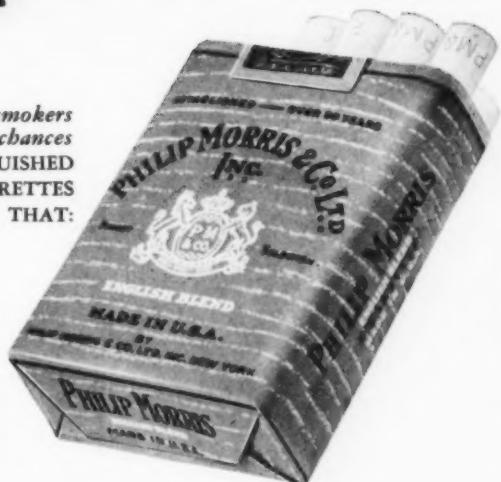
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Katschkowsky to Corp, and quite a number of the boys to Pfc. We all wish them the best of luck and you know darn well that those "two for a nickel" smoked like real "Corona Coronas."

Second Lieutenants Elder, Harris, and Burditt, have joined us during the last month and we take this opportunity to give them a hearty welcome.

Pfc. Marvin R. Franklin, our erstwhile speed demon of a Battery Clerk, had the good fortune of being assigned as a Recruiter at Dallas, Texas. Although most of us will miss him sorely we know that his fine temperament and training will make him one of the best Recruiters in Dallas.

During the last week the rains have started to come and brother if you have ever been in Camp Elliott you know just what that means. Some of the fellows are starting to go quack-quack already and its only the beginning.

All the liberty boats pull up in front of the Barracks and we load on for the trip to the Mess hall and after eating our fill we pile back in and battle the waves back to the barracks again. The time is not wasted, however, for we have good practice at making landings and the rest of the day is spent at schools.

Our Battery Commander, 1st Lt. Stewart, seems to be well pleased with the progress and conditioning of all hands and it would appear that we are at present prepared for any emergency.

Everyone here in BATTERY C, First Battalion, Tenth Marines, has been pretty busy lately jumping mud-puddles. Yes, it has been raining again, but none of the fellows are worried because soon Camp Elli-

ott streets will be laid with a new coat of pavement. The paving of the streets is the main center of attraction now, and everyone is eager for the work to be completed.

We now have several smiling faces here in Battery C. There have been several warrants issued, and those who made the grade were Joy H. Little from Corporal to Sergeant, Albert C. McLean from Pfc. to Corporal, Jack P. Gray from Pfc. to Corporal, Earl E. Stanson from Private to Pfc., and Edward J. Hall from Private to Pfc. We all wish the newly rated men a load of success.

Several of the fellows have transferred into the Second Marine Tank Company. Among those who transferred were PISgt. McLeod, Pfc. Schilling, and Pfc. Teague. Everyone is sure those three men will be beneficial in their new duty, because their services here in Battery C were very helpful.

As graduates from the Camp Barber School, we now have back with us Pfc. Dudley, and Pfc. Gallegos. They both say that they're glad to be back, because barbering is a very tiresome duty.

The Battery regrets to announce that several of the men have moved to the Naval Hospital. Our 1st Sgt. Barton has been under medical care for the last few weeks with a hip injury. 1st Sgt. Barton was an outstanding star of hand ball here with the Marines, and since the hip injury, he announced that his hand-ball career has come to an end. Everyone regrets the bad news, and wishes 1st Sgt. Barton a snappy recovery. PISgt. Zehring, Corporal McLean, Pvt. Morgan, Pvt. Drew, and Pvt. Wilkins are also under medical care at the Naval Hospital. Pvt. Wilkins received a broken leg while on maneuvers in the vicinity of Camp Elliott. Pvt. Wilkins expects to be

back with us as soon as possible, and we will be mighty glad to have him back.

The weather seems to be worse, but everyone has their hopes. We have a three-day maneuvers coming up soon, so we all want to get a clean dry start. The Battery expects to learn many new things while out in the field, so if old man weather will be nice and fair, surely we will have the opportunity.

Here's **BATTERY K**, 4th Battalion, 10th Marines, coming to you with quite a bit of news for you readers to digest.

First of all we wish to hail the arrival of long awaited 155's with the high-speed axle. These new howitzers are quite an improvement over the old tractor drawn hard rubber wheeled guns of World War I days, which we have been using. All hands are happy over this new addition to our country's defense and we're all eager to take a crack at firing them.

Next in the news are the names of the men who received promotions. Those receiving two stripes are George R. Hauser, Maurice P. Lecomte, and Banks W. Tucker. The only one to receive one stripe was Carson W. Havron. Congratulations to you men and may you continue to work hard at your duties so that you can keep climbing the promotion ladder.

To the Ordnance Center at Aberdeen, Md., goes Sgt. Jerome Ross for a few months of training, but don't fret my lads, he will be back with us soon.

Joining us this month were four Lieutenants, namely; 1st Lt. Thomas R. Belzer, 2nd Lts. Marshall R. Breedlove, Benjamin O. Cantey, and George L. Hays.

Once more **BATTERY L**, 10th Marines, goes to print. We got a lot of activity going on of late so just take off your leggings and chew on the opposite page.

RSOP's night and day, (for the information of the infantry RSOP is a military secret) conditioning hikes, camp working parties, and guard duties with a few Division maneuvers thrown in, have kept us on the rugged side. But we haven't missed any meals, so all's well.

Pfcs. Sneed and Wilcox are now ready to snap in for Sergeant and the rest of us are smoking their cigars. In their places Pvts. Glass, Lee, Thompson, and Austin are appointed Pfcs.

Hinkel, Poindexter, Daily, and Huntington have been advanced in specialist ratings.

Of late we've been given enough new equipment to go into the business. In fact poor Gunny Wunderly, had to turn quartermaster for a day to get things straight. However, the machine gun section is still 20 years behind itself.

We've also got a new bunch of beef to help shift the trails. Here're their names in case you know their sister. Pvts. Ashcraft, Hazelbaker, Lange, Roskam, Ryan, Savage, Smith, and Williams, they are fine fellows and here is hoping they all make Marine gunners some fine day.

Athletics have been pushed into the cross-fire by Lt. Wilson. The battery team having won its first game against the soldiers from Camp Callan, took on the Second Marine Regiment, basketball team, only to lose. But the only way to keep a good Marine down is to have ten sit on him.

We fired the 37mm. sub caliber the other day on our 155mm. guns and, confidentially we made the hits look like the plates in an artillery handbook. It was pretty good, honest.

THE LEATHERNECK

Crammed into an office about the size of a good box stall, we now have seven officers. Three of them just joined this battery. They are 2d Lt. Swinerton, 2d Lt. Unger, and 2d Lt. Mitchell.

Returned to civil life this month are Platoon Sergeant Snyder, and Pfc. Ashley, both of whom have been with the battery since it was formed last April.

As your correspondent, it becomes my pleasure to interview **HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE BATTERY, THIRD BATTALION, TENTH MARINES**, for this article concerning them and their exploits at Camp Elliott.

We of the battery are greatly impressed with the knowledge that our work is steadily improving, and that we are becoming a well organized outfit. This is in small part due to the harmony in which the sections of this battery work and cooperate with its leaders TSgt. C. E. Bogert and PlSgt. R. M. Alderson.

Our battery at present is occupying two squad rooms, as it seems that one was insufficient. On the lower deck are the communication personnel and the line duty men connected with that section. In the new squad room we have the special duty men, instrument section, garage force, and the corpsmen. With this arrangement in effect there is plenty of room for all.

Cigars were much in evidence this month with a Technical Sergeant warrant going to StfSgt. C. E. Bogert, and a 1st Sgt. to PlSgt. C. C. Russo, new corporals include: D. Lyle Moberly and J. F. Wardell, eight Pfc. warrants descending on us by surprise were given with congratulations to Pts. R. F. Brooks, T. Dorn, W. G. Morain, F. T. Pickrell, E. O. Heminger, N. J. Ramirez, V. L. McCaulley, and your correspondent A. C. Solomon.

The joinings this month have been ten new men from the Recruit Depot, four men from Telephone School, and a new corpsman, HA2c G. T. Elkins from Bremerton, Washington, a welcome was extended these men, and we feel sure they will prove a credit to the battery.

Furloughs this month are decreasing with only a few going out to Pfs. J. T. Haynes, Jr., A. L. Cleveland, and Pvt. E. F. Falk.

A couple of the changes going on here are the building of the swimming pool, and the laying of the new asphalt roads. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the girls of the Army and Navy "Y," the girls of State College, and the others responsible, in behalf of the Battery, for the swell time had by all at the "Tenth Marines" dance that was given here in the Recreation Building.

Our 1st Sgt. S. C. Russo is really getting a workout with the new clerks in the battery office, Pfc. W. R. Pamplin (payroll), and Pfc. A. C. Solomon (muster roll), taking the place of Corp. L. W. Smith and Pfc. R. R. Pratt, both having been transferred, but both are bearing up well under the strain and responsibility.

**BATTERY G**, 3rd Battalion, 10th Marines now "sounding off" from barracks No. 26 at Camp Elliott.

The latest dope I have to give out is the joinings of three officers and about thirty-five "boots." The officers are 2d Lts. Roberts, Williams, and Jones from Quantico. They will assist our battery commander 1st Lt. Wingo, and our executive officer 2d Lt. Mendenhall, in making our battery the best in the regiment. The new personalities have

added a freshness to the regular routine; sort of pep things up.

We will miss Corp. Crafard and Pfc. Volle who were transferred to the 2d Engineers Bn, and Pfc. York, Edmiston, Pts. Harrison and Barnes to the Base. Good luck, you guys, hope we meet again.

Our training schedule still reads, eight mile hikes, RSOP's and schools on a variety of subjects. According to Corp. Lovette the following incident happened at the school on the 75 Pack How. Lovette, the instructor, asked a new boot to name a certain piece of the mechanism. The boot answered, "Oh, that's a fine piece of machinery." The authenticity of the story is questionable because we have some pretty smart people in our battery. The results of the latest examinations proved this.

For general Camp news I submit the following: Most of the main roads have been paved, which is good considering that the rainy season is about to start. The late joinings have crowded every place in Camp, which fact makes it necessary for a guy to maneuver a little bit faster at the chow table; wait a little longer to get in the theater, and yell louder at the Canteen. The favorite outdoor sports, when the weather permits, are softball and volley ball; listening to the football games and the hit parades on the radio, the indoor ones.

Well folks everything has been rather quiet in our end of the barracks this month and frankly, we don't have much news to submit. There have been a few important promotions in **BATTERY H**, 10th Marines, however. Battery Commander First Lieutenant Otis B. Brown was promoted to the rank of Captain. Heartfelt congratulations from the rest of the Battery, Captain. Other promotions were Pfc. Rhyne to Corporal; Pts. J. P. Atkins and J. F. Bonin to Pfc.

We have two important additions to the outfit in the persons of Second Lieutenants Pala and Robinett. We would say that there was another important addition but being new "Boots" (about 26 of 'em) we have to be a little more conservative. With the right kind of coaching (mixed with "salt") from the "oldhands" the new recruits will make, along with the older men, a battery that will give a good account of itself. At least this is the aspiration of "H"ypo battery.

The entrance into **BATTERY I**, Tenth Marines, of twenty-two new men is the highlight of the month of October. Besides receiving the new blood in the outfit, a number of old hands have said farewell. The men who have left are Corporal Clay Wilson, Privates Chimberoff, Santy, Costello, and Dameron. The Eighth Marines will further enhance their pugilistic reputation by the addition of two former "I" Battery fighters, Archie Ballenger, and Jack Romero.

Congratulations are in order for the promotion to First Lieutenant of Mr. A. H. Rose. A great number of new NCOs were also promoted recently. Those who have made "two stripes," are Carl "Pop" Held, Meade Nanney, Walt Moore, Eddie Becker, Grady Nixon, George Stafford, and Ernest O'Handly.

Dick Spiller, a short timer, has only eighty-four days to do as of this writing. He vehemently swears by the beard of Allah, that he will not ship over. It's even money, though, that he will again grace the rolls of the Marine Corps for another cruise.

As the month drew to a close, Battery "I" was a guest at the Regimental dance,



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which was sponsored by the Tenth Marines. The artillerymen certainly are a versatile lot—gunners one minute and playboys, rug cutters the next. This dance will no doubt serve as a model for future such funfests, since it was noted to be a towering success.

With the rains come many things, and the **FOURTH BATTALION, TENTH MARINES**, has not been slighted with "joinings," of CP's and "Boots." Which leads up to the fact that evidently ground is soon to be broken, and the forming of "M" battery will be under way. So to all hands we say "Welcome."

The personnel of Hq. & Serv. Btry. joins in voicing their approval for the splendid time they had at the Tenth Marines dance last Tuesday evening, which was held in the recreation room, and hope that in the future similar affairs of this kind will be held.

"K" and "L" battery boys are very proud with the arrival of their new 155mm. Howitzers and the new FWD truck, well, we really can't blame them because they sure are nice.

Basketball is now in full swing with the boys of this battalion, and they seem to be taking it very seriously too; and from all indications it looks as though they are getting off to a good start. This battalion

is very grateful to the La Jolla High School, since they have voluntarily granted us the use of their tennis and basketball courts on week ends.

"Congratulations" are in order since many of the boys in the battalion have been promoted to Corporal and Sergeant, so to all hands we say, you wouldn't have made it if you hadn't rated it, so lots of luck boys and thanks for the smokes.

We are sorry to hear that Corporal Comeaux and Private First Class Boggs are being transferred to the 2nd Engineers Battalion, lots of luck fellas and whether you go to the land of ice and snow or to the sun kissed shores, we hope you will always remember the "Fighting Fourth."

We are happy to have the Battalion Aid-Station with us now, in our new barracks, since they have been "Detached" so long in tents.

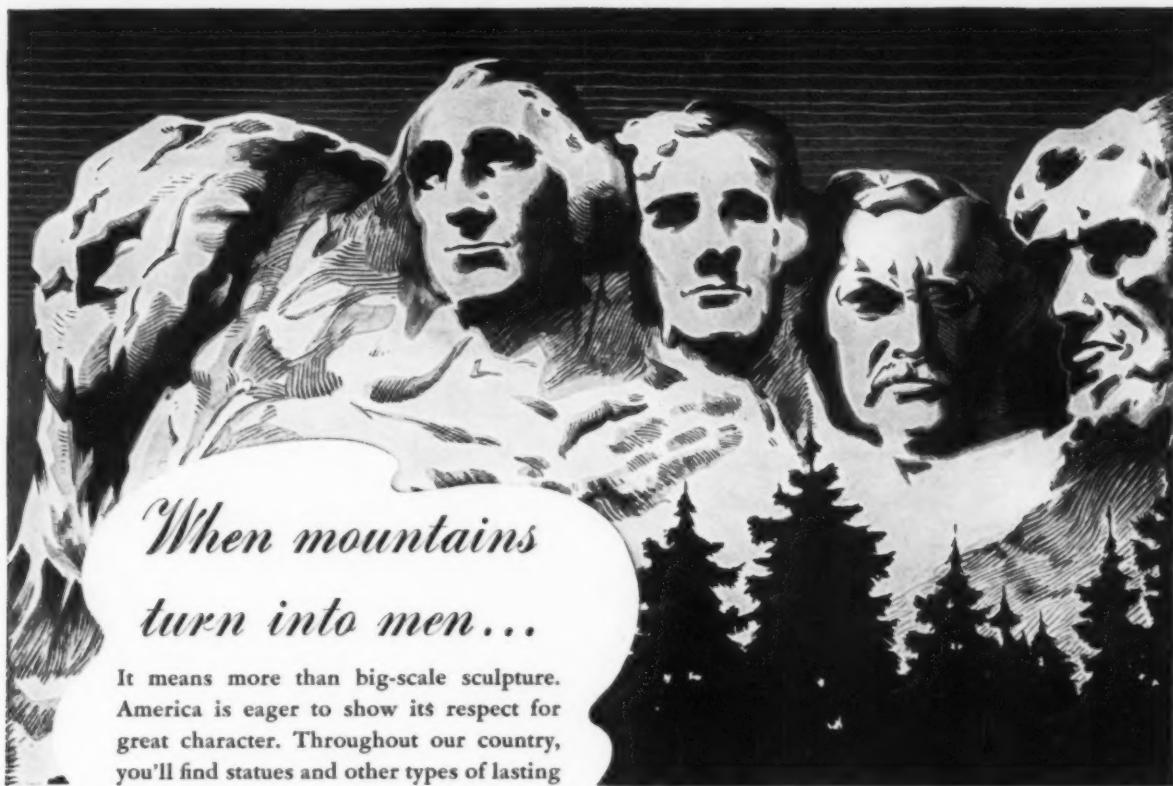
In a recent survey of officers, we find many who hail from many famous "Alma Maters," and have noticed the usual Monday morning huddle of quarterbacks, etc., prevails around the battalion CP during the football season now in progress.

Remember there are only about fifty more shopping days 'til Christmas, or should I say "Slopping Days," at any rate that is what we are doing here now since the rains are upon us.



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# Sea Going



I wrote you once before, but did not make the edition in time so I am writing again hoping to do so this time with **USS "MARYLAND"** news. Two weeks ago we had fleet whale boat races; of course, as you possibly know the "West Virginia" won again. We had a very good crew, in fact it's the best we've had in years. Our Coxswain was Sgt. C. X. Landry who was instructor at Sea School, San Diego Marine Base, for quite some time. He was a very good coxswain and the boys were in great shape, but they weren't quite good enough. We had hopes of winning before the race, but we were quite disappointed when we learned we hadn't.

We did very good in gunnery this year though. For the first time in four years we have a Marine E gun. Of course this makes us very happy and a little proud, because we're the only gun that got an E.

The boys are sorry too, because we're losing a very good officer and a friend of all the boys, 1st Lt. McArthur. Well this is your Maryland reporter signing off until next time.

Again the **MARINE DETACHMENT, USS TENNESSEE**, takes time out to bring you the latest and straightest scuttlebutt on what's going on around here.

Our mighty whale boat crew finished a very close second to the "West Virginia" Marines in the recent whale boat races held here. It was a very close race all the way, but the WV Marines nosed us out at the finish line. Beware of us next time.

A farewell is in order to the short timers who have completed their tour of sea duty and are about to leave us for new stations in the Marine Corps. Sorry to see you leave fellows, but lots of luck at your new station.

After a long period of time, the **SARATOGA MARINES** will again sound off. Although scuttlebutt is scarce, we feel that we must once again come into the limelight.

Much to the envy of the other carriers, we find most of our time is being spent as "homeguards," with an occasional trip to Hawaii. At present we are all glad to be in the Hawaiian area, and enjoying the wonderful Honolulu liberty. To be frank, very few members of the Detachment ever go to Honolulu, but everyone seems to enjoy themselves in the various recreational centers.

After two days in the sunshine at Aeia Clubhouse on our annual picnic, the "Sara Sea Soldiers" suddenly decided that it pays to keep a good sun tan, rather than to be suddenly and unexpectedly burned by old sol. All hands attended this picnic, and a good time was had by all.

We are not bragging, but this is a good time to mention the fact that our gunnery record has been very high throughout the

year. Also, our record for handling chipping hammers, paint brushes, and swabs is outstanding, and with minimum discrepancies throughout. You see, the Saratoga Marines have to be just about perfect in every angle, and with our drilling, working, and athletic ability, we consider ourselves on top. Such is what makes good morale, you know.

By the time that this is printed, we will probably have lost our present Commanding Officer, Major T. D. Marks, who has just received advance orders. All hands regret to see the Major leave. At the same time, we welcome as a new Commanding Officer, 1st Lt. M. C. Williams who is making Captain very soon; and who is serving with us at present.

Here is yea old flagship **USS PENNSYLVANIA** sounding off again after an absence of a couple of issues.

Promotions have been flying thick and fast during these last two months. If I mentioned all the Privates First Class and Privates that are now sporting an additional chevron it would look like a Marine Corps Platoon Sergeant's list. Congratulations to Sergeant McCarthy who attained that rank recently. We are also happy to announce the promotion of Field Cook Morgan to the rank of Chief Cook.

The members of this detachment are wearing smiles a mile wide as the result of the very successful gunnery shoots we have fired recently. Marine guns took the ship's broadside honors in Short Range and made a very creditable showing in the Local Control shoot.

Friends of Gunnery Sergeant William B. Harris will be glad to hear he has decided to try for 30 after completing 21 honest and faithful years in the Corps. Gunny is looking forward to a well deserved re-enlistment furlough. The best of luck Gunny and we hope to see you wearing those Master Gunnery Sergeant stripes upon your return from furlough.

Sports have been taking their turn in this detachment, and the whaleboat crew are rapidly rounding into condition for the forthcoming races. Expectations are high for a very successful whaleboat season. Marines are sparking the ship's softball team to victory after victory in their march to the fleet championship. Dale, Belz, and Holman have been in there fighting for the "Pennsy" and have done much to contribute to the team's success.

The band contest held at the Recreation Arena, this Navy Yard, was won by the "Pennsylvania" band, with the "Tennessee" "Rebels" taking the runnerup position. It was a tight race and a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Here comes the **USS MISSISSIPPI** Marines back into print after a lapse of several months. We've covered over 25,000 miles since we left last May, and have had nearly a fifty per cent turnover in personnel. We lost most of our "Salty Dogs," but received in return some fine material fresh out of Parris Island and Sea School, Norfolk. Heretofore, most of the "Boots" have come from the old standby, San Diego, but the Easterners all seem to be forgetting "doors, windows, walls, floors, etc.," as fast as any of our "California treated" Gyrenes did.

We would like to be able to recount some of the laughs and growls we've had since that day we sailed, (destination unknown) out of balmy (censored) waters. We were on our way to (censored). We didn't go around the (censored) so that puts (censored) on our list of "we've been there." From (censored) we hit (censored), then (censored) and BANG! we bounced clear out of sight of terra firma for the best part of a month. Since then we've seen (censored), (censored), (censored) and plenty of water.

When we glance at the personalities aboard the good old "Missy" we find "Feet" Davis and "Nose" Riegler, better known as the "gold dust twins" are still trying to talk each other into extending so the feminine coast will be clear for the other. Sergeant "Tool" Shedd is now CINC of the six man swab chorus, and doing a swell job of it. We now have a couple of Platoon Sergeants aboard, O'Dare and Gault, and they are doing a good job of sprinkling the well known "salt" on the ones of us who still have that "Boot camp stare."

Some of the gang who are checking off the days on one page of the calendar are Sergeants Labbo, McCarty and Higginbotham. The fems in Diego had better watch out.

By the time this breaks into print, our First Lieutenant, Mr. Reeve, and First Sergeant Evans will probably have left us, so for myself and the rest of "ye old salties" here's so long and the best of luck to a couple of real Marines.

The Marine Detachment, **USS HELENA**, is ably commanded by 1st Lieut. Robert W. Thomas, U. S. Marine Corps, who joined the Detachment from Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, 2d Marine Division, FMF, MCB, San Diego, California on 22 June, 1941. He is assisted in command by Second Lieut. Bernard T. Kelly, U. S. Marine Corps, who also joined the Detachment on 22 June, 1941, from Central Recruiting Division, Chicago, Ill. First Sergeant William A. Searight joined the Detachment 30 August, 1941, from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Recruit Depot, MCB, San Diego, California, and relieved First Sergeant Albert S. Borek, who departed on ninety days' fur-

lough, after which he will report for duty with the 2d Marine Division, FMF, San Diego, California. Platoon Sgt. Morton, Gilbert L., late of the Fleet Marine Force, San Diego, Calif., joined from Casual Co., Marine Barracks, Mare Island, California. There have been numerous other changes in the Detachment during the past four months; the following named men joined from Sea School, Recruit Depot, MCB, San Diego, Calif.: Pfc. Haaser, Richard A., Pfc. Huebner, Paul F., Jr., Pfc. Johnson, George E., Pfc. Latch, Billy F., Pfc. Severe, Duffin L., Pfc. Brunelle, Norman C., Pfc. Toven, Bernard N., Pvt. Hiatt, Kenneth M., Pvt. Jones, Jesse R., Pvt. Solak, Leonard C., Pvt. Vanden Bos, Melbourne R., Pvt. Vinson, Garvin L., Pvt. Woodham, Otis "O." and Pvt. Corners, Wayne C. The following named men joined from Barracks Detachment, Marine Barracks, Navy Yard, Mare Island, Calif.: Pfc. Dowdy, Lloyd E., Pfc. Miller, Augustus E., Pvt. Boles, Troy E., and Pvt. Morris, Lester A. Field Music Robert E. Smith joined from Base Headquarters Co., MCB, San Diego, California. The above new arrivals are welcomed very heartily to the Detachment with the hope that they enjoy their cruise aboard the "Helena."

There have been many promotions during the past two months, Sgt. Teague, Robert W., promoted to Platoon Sergeant; Corp. Hogan, Francis C., to Sergeant; Pfc. Abinet, Paul A., Jones, Herbert L., Mathews, Jack R., Mills, James H., and Zwick, Fred J., to Corporal; Pvts. Dowdy, Lloyd E., Haaser, Richard A., Huebner, Paul F., Jr., Johnson, George E., Latch, Billy F., Miller, Augustus E., Severe, Duffin L., and Toven, Bernard N., to Private First Class. Many cigars have been passed out and the ship's tailor has been swamped with work as the results of the above promotions. Congratulations.

During the past few months the **MAINE DETACHMENT, USS INDIANAPOLIS**, has undergone a complete change in personnel. The Marines deeply regret the transfer of Captain C. P. VanNess; however, First Lieutenant H. S. Massie is now in command, and is maintaining, very ably, the excellent distinction of the model seagoing marine unit, for which Captain VanNess deserves recognition.

On completion of their tour of sea duty, Sergeants Sadler, Knowles, and Corporal Pate were transferred to shore duty at the haven of rest for sea-weary Marines, better known as the Marine Corps Base, San Diego, California.

Private First Class Komel chose as his next station of duty the comparatively new organized Amphibian Tank School, located in Florida. Private First Class Pistole and Cobb, after much deliberation, decided that the Second Defense Battalion, on the East Coast, would be more practicable.

The Flag Marines, after a long absence, have returned to their original flagship, and with them, replacing Lieutenant Colonel M. H. Silverthorn, came Lieutenant Colonel J. T. Selden, from Quantico, Virginia, who assumed the duties of the Force Marine Officer in the Scouting Force.

Private First Class G. M. Gibson, notwithstanding numerous disadvantages, has achieved the envied goal of many Marines. Gibson, concluding many hours of long and difficult studying, was selected as a candidate for the Naval Preparatory School at Norfolk, Va. Best wishes and success from your "INDY" shipmates, future Lieutenant Gibson!

Congratulations are in order for four

men who are busily engaged in sewing chevrons, which were earned as a result of a competitive examination held recently. They were namely: Corporal Roche to Sergeant, Privates First Class Buckland and Aldrich to Corporal, and Private Cardinal to Private First Class. In the latter part of December another complete turnover in personnel is anticipated, and with this a foremost thought, practically all rated and non-rated men are giving the red book a very thorough review.

We welcome into our midst Privates Smith, Hall, Hultz, and Zombrowski from San Diego's popular sea school, where the men were undergoing training incident to their transfer.

Athletics in the detachment have apparently fallen into a rut; however, Sergeant Hyland and Corporal Kostrzewski are exhibiting vigorous influences in an attempt to organize a whale boat crew for which they express high hopes. Incidentally, their secret ambition is to be the proud possessors of the coveted Battenburg Trophy.

The comparatively brief sojourn in the States recently was of great benefit to all, and it was definitely proven that the good fellowship and hospitality far exceeded expectations.

With the recreational facilities being limited in the Hawaiian area, and the men practically on their own as regards entertainment, a beer party similar to the last one which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, was advocated. It can be truthfully said that no one "shirks duty," insofar as the clearing of any obstacle that may prevent the occasion. More on the beer party in the next issue!

The **USS OKLAHOMA** just arrived in Pearl Harbor from their recreation period in the U. S. We were fortunate enough to have San Francisco, Calif., as our recreation city.

While in San Francisco there were transfers and joinings. Our 1st Sergeant O'Neal was transferred to the Receiving Ship, San Francisco, Calif. In his place we have 1st Sergeant Mink of H&S Co, 2d Engr Bn, FMF, MCB, San Diego, Calif. Sergeant Wears replaced Sergeant Norris who went to the MB, NAD, Mare Island, Calif., from which Sergeant Wears came. Privates First Class Bates and Willford and Privates Hume, Rimbach, Garner, and Hoover were transferred to the MB, NYD, Mare Island, Calif. They were replaced by Privates Wikstrand, Hall, Price, Lowery, Bierman, and Wallace, who came from Sea School, Recruit Depot, MCB, San Diego, Calif. Corporals Hill and Stringer were transferred to the 2d Mar Div, FMF, MCB, San Diego, Calif. They were replaced by Privates Black and Harber from Sea School, Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. In addition Platoon Sergeant Patrick joined from Co "L," 3d Bn, 2d Mar, 2d Mar Div, FMF, MCB, San Diego, Calif., and Field Music Lovrien joined from BHq Co, MCB, San Diego, Calif.

Private First Class Curran requests, upon expiration of sea duty, transfer to MB, Great Lakes, Ill., or MB, Quantico, Va. He has enough of the blue Pacific. Corporal Leibe requests transfers to the amorous' school, Philadelphia, Pa. He is willing to extend two whole years.

Promotions of late are: Corporal Hailey to Sergeant, Private First Class Drefahl to Corporal and Privates Holmes, Jacobs, Rauch, Alexander, Hausladen, Middleswart, Salter and Brashier to Privates First Class.

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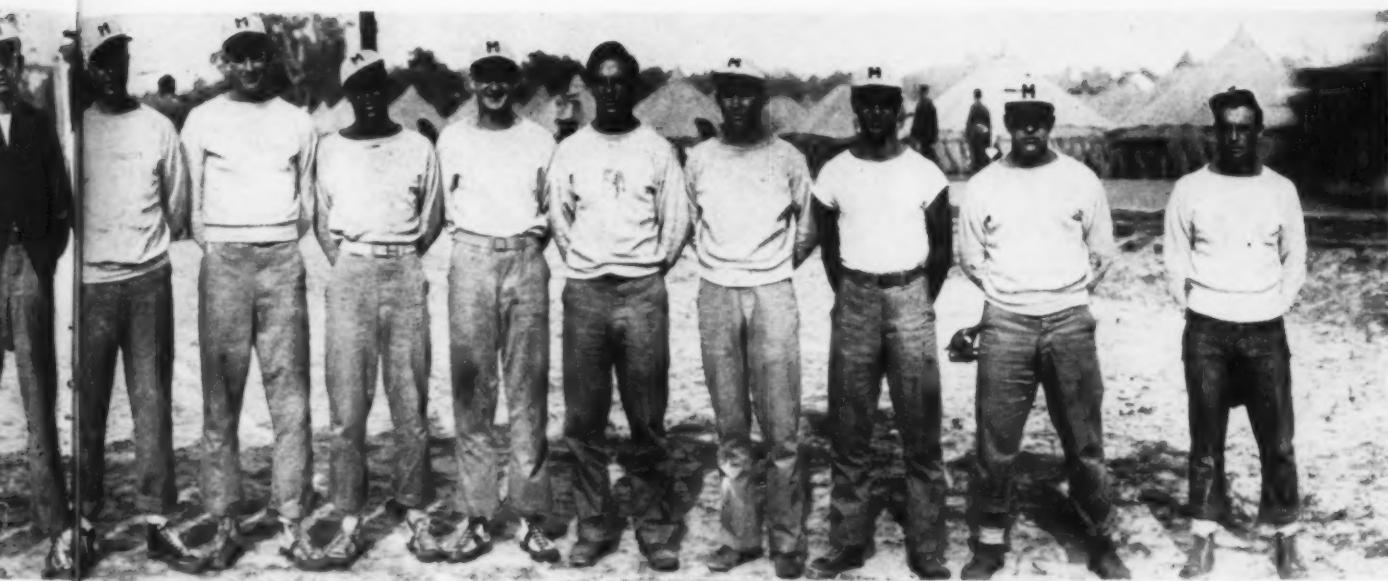
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USS "Arizona" whaleboaters who challenged and defeated the "Tennessee" Sweepsters.



Crack softball team of the San Juan, Puerto Rico, Marines who cleaned up in their territory the past season.



Seventh Marines. Team captured the coveted "Washington Times-Herald" Trophy

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Marine instructors have interested pupils at the Thompson sub-machine gun and special weapons school for civil and peace officers at NAS, Jacksonville, Fla.

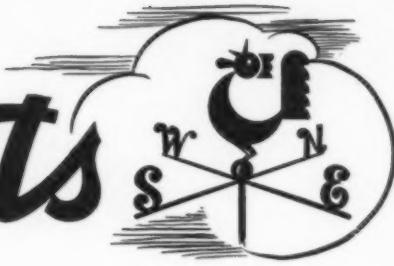


The 130th Recruit Platoon, San Diego, undergoes bayonet drill. This platoon qualified 100 per cent.



Marine winners in the Florida West Coast Pistol Matches receive their medals.

# Detachments



The new **FLEET MARINE FORCE BASE AT NEW RIVER**, into which the First Marine Division moved late last September is vast, isolated, flat and abounding in flora and fauna of the Carolinas ranging from Spanish moss to cinnamon bear. In its stands of pine and oak and varying densities of undergrowth are deer, squirrel, turkey, fox, bear, quail, snakes, rabbit, ruffed grouse. Streams on the 100,000 acre reservation have catfish, bass and perch. Fifteen miles out toward the coast are acres of salt marsh with ducks, swans, geese, marsh hens and other amphibious fowl. Where the marsh ends along a line of sand dunes there is an eleven-mile stretch of broad, white ocean beach. The nearest large community is 40 miles away.

With most of the First Marine Division assembled at New River, over 6,000 troops with tanks, scout cars, machine guns, mortars, rifles and a mass of assorted fighting gear, the atmosphere is definitely military. But with trees and sky dominant, too, and sunny days and mild nights, there is a pleasant rustic serenity about the place.

Although the encampment is in a wilderness there is little that is primitive in the facilities or organization. A spacious tent city was set up surrounded by tall trees, criss-crossed by asphalt roads and well drained. Meticulous planning is evident in small details as well as basic plan.

The camp, which is to be a temporary establishment serving until permanent barracks now under construction are completed, is laid out in checkerboard pattern about three-quarters of a mile long and a quarter-mile wide. Streets are lettered longitudinally in alphabetical sequence from A to E and across from 1 to 6.

The tents, over 1,300, have wooden decks, steel bunks and mattresses. Troops are quartered in pyramidal tents with six bunks and officers in wall tents with two bunks each. Centrally located on the plan of a cross are gleamingly modern mess halls and toilet facilities air conditioned by thermostat. There are also movies, beer and ice cream bars, post exchange, laundry, barber, cobbler, and several canteens.

Virtually all units of the First Marine Division, under command of Brig. Gen. Philip H. Torrey, are at New River undergoing intensive combat training and kept in a state of full readiness for military operations. Division units at the new base include the Division Special Troops, Fifth Marines, Seventh Marines and Division Service Troops under the commands respectively of Col. William G. Hawthorne, Col. Robert Blake, Col. William J. Webb and Lt. Col. Martin J. Kelleher. The Division Special Troops include the tank, engineer, and parachute battalions; scout, signal and division headquarters companies, and anti-aircraft battery. The Eleventh Marines, field artillery of the division under command of Col. Pedro A. del Valle, are at Parris Island, while the First Battalion, Fifth Marines are at Quantico.

A morale section headed by Lt. Col. Harvey Miller was created to meet a special need growing out of the isolation of the base. The purpose of this section is to sustain division morale with a coordinated scheme of recreation, athletics and entertainment. One of the first products of the section was an outdoor movie.

Two more cinemas al fresco are to be set up; soft ball, volley ball and boxing tournaments have been organized and bus transportation has been arranged to cities in a 45-mile radius. Besides distributing the usual athletic gear, the morale section also lends out hunting and fishing tackle.

Liberty facilities near the post are meager. The nearest community is Jacksonville, two miles from the encampment, with a population of about 4,000 expanding rapidly as result of national defense projects in the area. A \$73,000 recreation hall under supervision of the U. S. O. to be built in Jacksonville is pending.

Most gratifying to Marines on liberty, however, is the friendliness of the people in the nearby cities—Kinston, New Bern, Wilmington, Morehead City. Dances and block parties have been given for Marines in these cities, which are all within 45-mile radius from the camp. In winter after tobacco selling season, plans are being made for parties in the huge tobacco warehouses. On Sunday mornings it is a common occurrence for citizens to take Marines to church then to dinner with the family.

The year around mean temperature at New River is 63 degrees with summer maximums in the high eighties and winter minimums in the high thirties. Yearly rainfall is 47 inches with most of it, five to seven inches a month, in summer. A fairly good road net of hard natural surface, which, however, is easily churned into dust clouds by vehicles or marching troops, runs through the reservation. Rail facilities are provided by the Atlantic Coast Line with a spur in the reservation leading to the main line in Wilmington.

In short, with a restful bucolic background, unexpectedly modern conveniences and very friendly townspeople, New River was a pleasant surprise to troops assembling in a wilderness.

The work in **THE TRAINING CENTER** is progressing splendidly. The men in the various schools are showing much enthusiasm in their newly chosen professions, and are all looking forward to the completion of their training when they will join their old companies and look back with pride on their respective accomplishments, knowing that they can then tackle their new work and when it is completed, know that it will be "a job well done."

Athletics are still high in The Training Center. We now have three bowling teams which will enter for the Championship Team in The Post League. An Inter-Center League is also under way which promises

some very exciting hours this fall and winter. Supply Sergeant Cermak is coaching the three teams representing The Training Center in The Post League.

Basket ball teams are also being formed among the various companies, which will probably end in a very interesting Inter-Center Basket Ball League.

Sgt. Constantine E. Franckiewicz, formerly of the Reserves, enlisted in the Regulars at the expiration of his enlistment and has just returned to his duties in the Quartermaster Department from his furlough home. Sgt. Franckiewicz is known as the charter member of the original 21 Club, since he has to serve four months at \$21 a month, even though he is a Sergeant.

Corporal Wilbert H. Collins, well known truck driver of The Quartermaster's Department, T. T. C., has decided that he would like a change of scenery and has joined the 15th Provisional Company. He will be greatly missed by all members of T. T. C. and we all wish him the best of luck in his new duty.

Congratulations are again in order for Platoon Sergeant Donald L. Truesdale. He was recently promoted from Sergeant and is now promoting himself from the life of a lonely bachelor Marine to the happy life of a married man. Sgt. Truesdale will be married to one of Philadelphia's charming young matrons. Sgt. Truesdale is one of the few holding a "Congressional Medal of Honor" and is still on active duty with the armed forces.

There is some talk of a marriage epidemic in Sgt. Major Kelly's office. He was the first to take the step toward wedded bliss, followed closely by Sgts. Jesse R. Collins and Sidney Sparks and now Sgt. Truesdale. Sgt. Edward J. Orem is holding classes for the newly married men on "Excuses" and "How to get out at night and get away with it." Sgt. Orem feels as if he is a competent instructor as he has had two years' experience. Confidentially, several others of that office are seriously thinking of requesting transfers before they are caught.

Private first class Leonard G. Lawton has been transferred from his clerical duties in Headquarters to the Marine Corps Schools for assignments to the November class of Candidates for commission in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. Everyone joins in wishing him the best of luck.

Private first class Charles M. Chisholm is another of our studious and ambitious members, having been transferred to Norfolk, Virginia, in order to attend the Naval Academy Preparatory School.

The water shortage is still serious in Quantico. However, the Water Distillation and Purification School is rendering a real service to the Post and also giving a wonderful demonstration of what they can really do.

The School is now furnishing the Post with 72,000 gallons of pure water each day. They are pumping water from the Potomac River and purifying it and then storing

in into large tanks. They now have one 10,000 gallon portable metal tank and several 3,000 gallon canvas tanks. Water for use in the Barracks is then hauled by trucks to the various Barracks.

The present class, consisting of 8 officers and 33 enlisted men will graduate on the 15th of November, after having successfully completed a 6 weeks' course.

The school is equipped with seven different types of Water Distilling Equipment. These include the types used for advanced bases, as well as mobile units. They are of the latest types of field equipment.

In addition to their regular courses in distillation and purification, they act as a "testing station." Many tests of various kind of equipment are made.

While the school is open to all Marines, 1st Lt. Goodwin, officer-in-charge, reports that the best students are those with a high school education, having some mechanical knowledge or ability. While this school is very interesting, it is no place for a student who isn't willing to "put out."

The fourth class in the Camouflage School graduated on November 1st. Those receiving certificates of graduation were:

Second Lieutenants Tom Gaines and Sidney Schuller.

Privates first class Oliver D. Whitehouse and Rudolph J. Svetich.

The next class started on November 3rd. Three men from the west coast reported for instruction in this class.

This course, consisting of one month's training, is designed to furnish men trained in camouflage procedure for Engineer Battalion Camouflage Sections, and technical advisers in camouflage for other unit headquarters. The major portion of the instruction is devoted to actual camouflaging of different types of supply and defensive installations.

The Demolition School held its fourth graduation on November 1st. Those successfully completing this course were:

Second Lieutenant George F. Williams, Corporal William J. Varley and Privates first class Joseph Kovriak, Andrew Myers and Joseph Postek.

The fifth class to enter this course since the inauguration of this school began on November 3rd. This class contains seven men from the west coast.

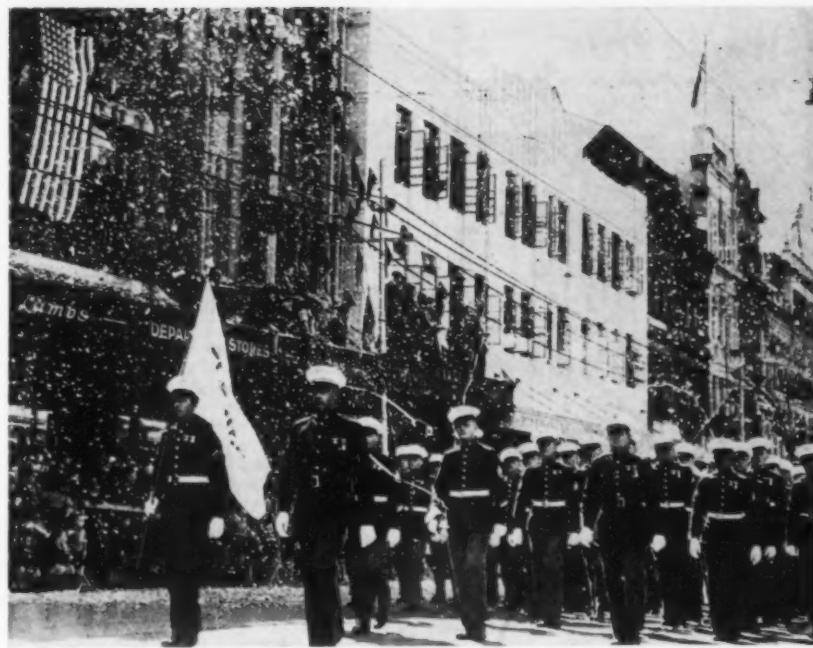
This course is set up to furnish men trained in the technical employment of military explosives. Although the time available is limited, 30 days, some instruction in the tactical employment of demolitions and obstacles is given. Students of the rank of corporal or above, are desired.

Sixteen members of the Refrigeration School will receive their certificates of graduation on the 14th of November.

While this is not a general refrigeration and air conditioning course, it is designed to train operators for the special type of mechanical refrigerators now being purchased by the Marine Corps for field use. Instruction includes gasoline engines, compressors, some electricity, and refrigeration.

The Refrigeration School recently moved into their new building. Some will remember it as the old Camp Quartermaster Building in "Tent City." While this building was not intended for such purposes it is welcomed by the Refrigeration School and Training Center. It affords ample space for a nice lecture room that has recently been completed and large shops and laboratories.

The next class will form on November 17th. High School graduates are desired for this course as a foundation in mathematics, chemistry, and physics is essential.



Marines of the USS "Northampton" and USS "Salt Lake City" receive a tumultuous welcome in Brisbane.

The Higgins Boat Detachment is commanded by 1st Lieut. Sylvester L. Stephan. He is assisted by Sgt. Harry H. Black, who is the NCO in charge. Corporal Edwin G. Kaiser and Private first class Joseph M. Ahern are in charge of the maintenance section, assisted by twelve Private first class who are all qualified coxswains.

The men of this Detachment received their training in Higgins' boat operation at the Norfolk Navy Yard or the Higgins Boat Plant at New Orleans.

At the present time we have six Higgins Boats which are the 36 foot Eureka models. Three of these are equipped with gasoline engines and three with Diesel motors.

The primary purpose of the Higgins Boat Detachment at The Training Center is to have the boats available for landing parties in connection with the problems of the Marine Corps Schools. In addition, the boats are used to try out new equipment under the Supervision of the Equipment Board.

An aerial observation school has been recently organized to train officers of the Marine Corps. This is something new in the Marine Corps considering that previously all observation from aircraft had been carried out by pilots themselves. It is believed that by relieving pilots of the tedious duty of both flying and observing, much better results will be obtained in both fields.

The school is part of The Training Center and consists of a ten week course in communications school and an eight week course in the base air detachment.

While at the communication school the student officers will be instructed in radio operation and radio material so that they will be able to carry out their missions of conveying information to ground forces.

The course at the base air detachment will cover aircraft material, gunnery observation, orientation and actual practical exercises in which the observer will be required to carry out the duties normally performed by aerial observers.

Those attending this first class are Second Lieutenants Manual Brilliant, Samuel Wooster, Daniel Pregnall, Robert Collier, Frederick Aldridge, and William Herring.

After three months of hard work and study, thirty-nine enlisted men and ten officers will complete the Mechanics Course on the 29th of November.

While this is a hard course, it is a very interesting one. It begins with the automobile engine, including assembling, repairing and adjusting of all units, including body and fender work and field experience. Instructions are also given in the Hercules and Caterpillar Diesel engines. Motors are purposely set out of time and other adjustments made that might go wrong with any motor and then the students are required to find the trouble and make the necessary adjustments.

Every three weeks 15 men graduate from the Vehicles Operators' Course. This course consists of preliminary driving, convoy driving, night driving which includes black out driving. Instructions are also given in Motorcycle and Tractor. This course also includes instruction in lubrication, tire changing and repair and preventative methods.

As a new born babe comes into existence with a whirl of attention, so has the new **FOURTEENTH PROVISIONAL MARINE COMPANY** at The Training Center.

Now first let's get acquainted. Let me introduce to you our Commanding Officer, Captain Louis C. Plain, who joined us from the Candidates' Class.

Next let me present First Lieutenant Charles N. Hulvey, Jr., leader of the first Platoon, besides other duties, 1st Lt. Hulvey will be our Post Exchange Officer.

Next in line is Second Lieutenant Horace E. Knapp, Jr. who recently graduated from ROC, Marine Corps Schools and upon receiving his commission, joined us. 2nd Lieut. Knapp will command the second platoon.

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Platoon Sergeant Willis O. Scott, our acting Gunnery Sergeant is ably assisted by Sergeants Walter J. Dietrich and Lawrence H. Morris.

Corporal John T. Starr, our esteemed property sergeant is about to hop to it and mark all of the company property, etc.

At this time we wish to include the seventy Privates that joined us from the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th recruiting Battalions, Recruiting Depot, MB., Parris Island, S. C.

Spit and polish are becoming natural to the entire company, and can't say that they were just boots six weeks ago, come to think of it, these six weeks sea soldiers are doing OK for themselves. As usual they made a fine showing all around for the A & I Inspection, not to be bragging, but we say that the boys of the Fourteenth looked like old timers.

Intensive training with an extensive schedule has been the Chief objective of this organization these past four weeks, and it takes a good man to keep up the pace with Captain Plain to cover a stretch of ten miles from twelve noon to three thirty, and all come back and looking for more the following day. Well at present the boys are busy pressing and shining the brass work to be on deck at 0930, they have been selected as honor guard for The Secretary of the Navy and the Major General Commandant, upon their visit to Quantico.

Now that we have been officially introduced, time is drawing to a close, and we must leave you with a Happy Birthday to you all. Until next month, cheerio.

First off, let us introduce ourselves. We are the recently formed **15TH PROVISIONAL MARINE COMPANY**.

Our Commanding Officer is Major Earle S. Davis who is a graduate of the Naval Academy, class of 1926. Major Davis up until the early part of September was Commanding Officer of the Marine Detachment of Iona Island, New York.

First Lieutenant Charles T. Hagan, who is our Post Exchange Officer is the next to be introduced. Before joining the 15th Provisional Marine Company, Lt. Hagan was an instructor of a recent class of Reserve Officers at the Basic School, Philadelphia, Pa.

Next we have Second Lieutenants Harold C. Howard and Roger C. B. Broome. Lt. Howard is the Company's Mess and Athletic Officer, while Lt. Broome is the officer in charge of drill and instruction.

While speaking of Lt. Broome let us give our congratulations to him and best wishes to the future Mrs. Broome as the ringing of wedding bells will be heard Saturday November 8, 1941.

Don't let us forget our NCO's namely, our Top Sergeant, Chester A. Goodwin, Gy. Sgt. Edwin P. Tucker, and last but not least, Sgts. George J. Gaskin, Edgar W. Feigley, and Memory H. Smith, who are well deserving of praise for their excellent work in forming the 15th into a compact unit. The main body of the Company is made up of our 143 privates who all recently came from Parris Island, South Carolina, and of course including yours truly, Private Charles K. Zimmelman, Company Clerk.

So much for our introduction and watch for us because you will hear quite a bit about this Company in the future.

Suppose we all get acquainted, for I am sure that you are going to hear a lot more from us as time goes on. We are the **16TH PROVISIONAL COMPANY** that was organized on the 2nd of September at The Training Center. We are very fortunate to have as our Commanding Officer, Major F. H. Brink. Major Brink was formerly Post Property Officer at Parris Island, South Carolina, I am sure needs no introduction. Major Brink has a very capable staff consisting of Second Lieutenants Edward Waters, Herbert T. Elliott, Jr., and Horace C. Parks.

While we are still in the process of organizing, we are progressing rapidly. While we are still short of personnel, we are carrying on in the traditional Marine Corps manner with routine training. Most of our personnel have joined us from the recruit battalions in Parris Island. However, we are fortunate in having some very efficient NCOs who are veteran Marines and are shaping our Company into one that would hardly be recognized as other than a company of veterans. Our Quartermaster Personnel have yet to join us, although they have been assigned they are attending school at Headquarters in Washington. Our Quartermaster Work is being carried on by Major Hamilton M. H. Fleming and his personnel from The Training Center Quartermaster's Office.

The morale of the Company is very high. While the destination of our Company is still unknown the men are very anxious to move to their new base and take over their duties.

Watch for us for you will hear from us often, for we want to join in with the many organizations who always look forward to receiving the new issue of **THE LEATHERNECK**.

Since our last appearance in the columns of **THE LEATHERNECK**, a lot of water has gone over the dam, and by the same token, many changes have taken place in **MA-RINE DETACHMENT, NAS, LAKE-HURST, N. J.** Our erstwhile friend and contemporary, Sergeant George Ward, having forsaken the rollicking life of the Marine Corps and joined the ranks of those who have to work for a living, left the job of scribe for **THE LEATHERNECK** to yours truly, who in his turn rises to state that he will do his best to keep our magazine fully and completely posted on the happenings and events of interest in and around this locality. Now that we have that off our manly bosom let's take time out to see what's going on around here. First, we want to extend congratulations to Captain Albert C. Kuehnert who was promoted from First Lieutenant about two months ago.

Other promotions that have happened here—Corporal Joe Correno to Sergeant; Privates first class Bob Voelker, Vannie Lucas, and Dick Waldron to Corporal.

Since we arrived at this station the main events seem to centre around the parachute platoons that are being trained here. You fellows in the Fleet Marine Force have ideas that your life is tough, well fellows, better change your ideas, because we can vouch for it, the lot of Marine Corps parachute jumper is really tough and we are not kidding. Their chief instructor, Platoon Sergeant Blasingame is evidently a man without a heart, or that's the way

the parachute troopers talk. But he has turned out some mighty good material and when the boys are through with their training period which lasts usually about six weeks, they are really a rugged bunch of individuals. And though we are not connected with the Parachute Platoons we take this opportunity to say that platoons that have been turned out at this station are the finest bunch of men to be connected with any organization, anywhere. And that is covering a whole lot of territory, but we mean just exactly that.

There have been two many transfers in and out of the detachment to start listing each one by name but in our next column we will try to keep you posted on most of the arrivals and departures that occur after this issue.

Our detachment has finally completed the get acquainted course for the M-1 and to our surprise the scores came up better than we anticipated, a little more practice and even the newest boot will be handling the new rifle like a veteran. What offered the biggest surprise about the new rifle was its lack of kick or recoil and as we watched the firing behind the line, we noticed that a good many of the older men who had never fired this rifle had a very surprised expression on their faces after the first shot fired, and after they got the hang of it their expressions seemed to change to one of satisfaction. And when an old timer registers satisfaction, well, that's really one for the books. Our gang also played host to the Barracks Detachment from the Navy Yard at Philadelphia, and they went through the course in fine shape. In the Parachute Riggers School there have been a few promotions, and also in the Aerology Section, we haven't gotten all the dope on those except the fact that so far there have been no cigars forthcoming, but altogether the men on duty at this station are a fine bunch of fellows and in our next issue we will try and individualize a little more. Thanks for reading this stuff.

It's been a long time since **MB, NAVY YARD, CHARLESTON, S. C.**, has been heard from so a brief resume is in order. We are commanded by Lt. Col. Randolph Coyle, U. S. Marine Corps, Retired, and our Executive Officer is none other than Lt. Col. George C. Hammer, U. S. Marine Corps.

Our former "Top" is now in charge of the new Naval Ammunition Depot, Navy Yard, S. C., and has charge of the 59-man Marine Detachment. We all wish First Sergeant Charlie Goff a pleasant berth. Our new First Soldier is First Sergeant William "J" Ferguson, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. This new "Top" has all hands wondering if he uses a map to find his way around in his new Buick "Limited."

Three of our men have departed from "The Old Soldiers' Home" here in Charleston and have taken up a new station at District Headquarters, Macon, Georgia.

Almost forgot to give the names of those guys, namely, Sgt. Michael Mollica, Pfc. Bernard H. Coffee, and Samuel W. Lee.

The First Base Depot, First Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, cleared out of the Navy Yard on 5 November, 1941.

Until next month then, we of the Marine Barracks Navy Yard, Charleston, S. C., have the situation well in hand.

At 12:30 A.M., the morning of November 2nd, two loaded buses pulled up at the Marine Barracks here in Washington and



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disgorged fifty weary but happy men of the **U. S. MARINE BAND**. Weary, because six weeks of bus rides and daily concerts is not conducive to relaxation; happy, because the thoughts of home and fire-side seemed extremely pleasant after a month and a half absence. They were returning from their annual Fall Concert Tour which had taken them on a very successful 5,500 mile trip through 15 states.

There was very little lull in their activities, however, as prospects of a busy winter season were looming ahead. A full schedule of official engagements was shaping up with orders for details from the band pouring into the office at a rapidly accelerating rate, but, with the roster of the band newly augmented by ten, the organization is well able to take this influx of work in its stride.

Two days after the band's return came the first engagement—a dance at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Then, in rapid succession, came others. On Thursday, November 6th, the Community Chest Drive opened with the Marine Band furnishing music for the opening ceremonies. The next day, Friday, the officers at the Barracks held their first monthly dance in the Barracks auditorium. The Marine Band dance orchestra, which, we modestly think, is as fine as any in this section, played until 1:00 A.M., for the officers and their friends. The next night, in the same auditorium, the enlisted men had their turn. Until 1:00 in the morning the walls resounded with music, songs, and laughter as the men and their lady friends fox-trotted, waltzed and rhumba-d to the rhythmic swing of the orchestra.

There were quite a few other engagements in November. On the 9th the band participated in the ceremonies relative to the 166th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps; there were luncheons at the White House, Armistice Day services, dinners for patriotic organizations, a dedication at the new \$15,000,000 National Gallery of Art and many others—enough to keep the band occupied for the entire month.

In closing we would like to mention that John V. Gworek, Musician 2cl, after seventeen years' service, reenlisted on November 23rd for a period of four years. Musician Gworek has been one of our first clarinetists for years now and we are happy to have him still with us.

The personnel of **BOURNE FIELD** offer their sincere congratulations to Roger T. Carlson, Commanding Officer of VMS-3, who just received and accepted his commission to the rank of Major.

The enlisted personnel who were promoted during the past month were Tech Sergeants C. J. Gosney, R. M. Zent, Staff Sergeants D. J. Smith, W. P. Doyle, A. Stracilo, Sergeant J. H. Ward, Corporal H. Kramer, and Pfc. W. O. James, D. Rinna, E. Kadillo, R. A. Leone, and S. S. Bell. Some members of the guard detachment received new chevrons last month, they are Sgt. G. J. Barnak, Cpls. J. H. Phillips, J. B. Kearns, and A. M. Oakes.

In order to form a more friendly relationship between the enlisted personnel of Boringen Field, U. S. Army, and Bourne Field, a new idea for week-end liberty has been inaugurated. The Army is furnishing transportation for six Marines each week-end and offering them rations, quarters and everything necessary for a pleasant stay. We, of Bourne Field, try to do the same for the Army men who visit here. The idea has met with the approval of all concerned, and the Marine personnel who have made the trip so far report a very favorable opinion of the Soldiers of Boringen Field. Having made the trip myself I can honestly say they are as fine a group of men I have ever had the pleasure to meet.

Three members of the Guard Detachment were transferred to Aviation during the past month. Cpls. P. R. Balushewsky and Frank Nadasky accepted reductions to Pfc. in return for their transfer and Pfc. E. J. Sokolnicki retained his warrant. Welcome to Aviation fellows.



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### MARINE DETACHMENT, NAVAL AMMUNITION DEPOT, IONA ISLAND, N. Y., reporting.

Our eyes craftily peeping into the future we are preparing to "dig-in" for the duration of the stay of winter. The old Gentleman invariably moves in on us during the month of November and stays until long into the spring months. The fine, brisk weather of October enabled us to go through an extensive outdoor training program, which will also be continued until the frigid temperatures and snow force us to continue this training indoors.

Realizing the impossibility of large scale recreation this coming season, we have mapped out a program of tournaments on the various indoor sports that will ease the pain of being isolated for lengthy periods of time. The competitive spirit will also be prevalent during the indoor training periods.

Other activities this month included the re-enlistment of Pl. Sgt. Cedric E. Lewis for further duty at this Post. Pfc. George Brosky was paid off but failed to re-enlist. Pfc. Nick Paranzino and Wilbert Willis were transferred, the former to the 15th Provisional Company, Quantico, Va., and the latter to the new Base at New River, N. C. Chief Cook John Lentz was transferred to the Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Promotions were granted as follows: Edward Finkbohner and David Cleeland to Corporal; Raymond Toellner, Harry Wimbury, Fred Ohleth, Nick Dunitz, Sydney Feldman, and Harlan Szymanski to Private First Class.

Replacements from Parris Island include Pvt. Smith, Vassel, White, Tynda, Smylie, Williams, Wahger, Zibreg, Schlatterer, and Scheitlin.

Hello Pals of the old and new corps, North, East, South, and West, it is a pleasure to write you again, although you prob-

ably won't remember me, because I have been absent for a long time. What I mean is I have been in the FMF and I just "kinda" forgot to write. I have been here about three weeks and like it very much, and now for the news from dear old **PHILADELPHIA NAVY YARD**.

At present there is a very busy training schedule here, which I like very much, gas masks, Tommy guns, M1s, formal and informal Guard Mounts, drills of all description and different kinds of school, which makes every thing O.K. from the Commanding Officer on down to the lowest rank. I personally congratulate each and every one of them in my own mind for the splendid training which this command is receiving now. Col. A. E. Randal commanding, Lt. Col. Patchen Executive Officer, Capt. Humphrey Company Commander, Capt. Stahl P.X. Officer, 1st Lts. Maurey and Martinchek, and 2nd Lt. Lynch Company Officers, which bring this complement to a very able and experienced staff of officers, in the three weeks' training here.

I have become very well acquainted with the NCOs who are a swell bunch of guys. Our two instructors, Plt. Sgts. McGrain and Steele are doing a swell job. Oh yes, we all have to have our comedians, you know. And just now I don't know whom to select, Reper or Parker. Anyway they both give us lots of "laffs," and when anyone can get a bunch of Marines to laugh on the drill field you have got something. A hand to the comedians Reper and Parker.

It is with regret I cannot write about the whole command, but sooner or later you will all hear from me. Signing off now until next month.

A dance for the enlisted personnel of the **SECOND BATTALION, ELEVENTH MARINES**, at the Community Club in Beaufort, S. C., was well attended by Marines and members of the fairer sex. Not only did a number of young ladies from Beaufort, Burton, Lobebo, and Ridgeland, attend the dance, but some fifty-seven came over from Charleston by chartered bus for the express purpose of taking part in the dance. Music was furnished by the twelve-

piece Post Orchestra and with the good music and abundance of girls, there is no doubt but that everyone had a splendid time.

The dance, which was one of the largest held in Beaufort in some time, was arranged by 1st Lt. Guy H. Kissiner, Recreation Officer for the Second Battalion, and Mrs. John Morrell, President of Beaufort Community Club. Among the special guests who honored the dance with their appearance were Mayor Gill of Beaufort, Colonel P. A. del Valle, Commanding Officer of the 11th Marines, Lt. Colonel and Mrs. G. M. Sturgis, and Lt. Colonel E. G. Hagen.

Rather reluctantly the **FIRST ANTI-AIRCRAFT MACHINE GUN BATTERY** packed its gear and said an adieu to the country club environment of Quantico late in September for an indefinite sojourn in what was expected to be the trackless wilds of New River. But on arrival at the new base it turned out better than expected. There were plenty of boondocks; but there were also some unexpected conveniences like roomy tents with wooden decks, modern heads, fine mess halls and outdoor movies. There were also steel cots with thick mattresses which most of the outfits already have and which are expected any day by the AA.

One of the most pleasant aspects of life at New River is the restfulness of the country. But in that lies basis of the possibly biggest drawback. There is the easy probability of too much restfulness, and with the nearest sizeable city 40 miles away, the possibility comes very close to being a probability.

However, there is a lot doing in camp as a result of the operations of the morale section. And when the boys do get to town on liberty, the warm friendliness of the townspeople is gratifying. In Kingston, Jacksonville, and New Bern it is a common sight to see residents stop Marines in the streets and invite them to their homes for dinner. Several dances have been held, and bigger dances in the tobacco warehouses are being arranged.

In the roster there were several changes again with new additions, departures and promotions. The parachute school at Lakehurst took another battery officer when Second Lieutenant Donald B. Cobb joined Second Lieutenant Richard S. Johnson last month. Three new officers joined the battery a fortnight later from the 5th R.O.C.: 2d Lt. Thomas R. Shepard, 2d Lt. Sherman W. Parry, and 2d Lt. Irving Schechter. Also new in the battery are Pvt. Leonard Altman and Pvt. Bernard Smilowitz.

Albert J. Hreschak was promoted to Sergeant. Corporal's warrants went to Cornelius W. Stewart, Robert J. Kikta, Nicholas Scerbo and William R. Bishop. Chevrons of Private First Class were authorized to William E. Reed, Clarence E. Byrd, Harvey T. Crandall, Bernard W. Paetow, Tommie Graves, Eugene S. Larisey, Stanley F. Jenner and Sam Lomagro.

Since its arrival here at the New River Base some two weeks ago, **COMPANY G, 2ND BN., 7TH MARINES**, after a two-day shakedown started in on intensive training out in the boondocks every day and we are rapidly getting into shape.

The country hereabouts is wild and already various species of snake skins are appearing in the form of belts and other ornaments.

Sergeant Huddleston, Sergeant Locke, and Corporals Hutchison and Owens were recently transferred to the Tank Corps and

wave a cheery hello as they pass by us in the boondocks. Lieutenant Pat Downey has just joined the Company after graduating from the Fifth Reserve Officers' Course.

Two members of this Company are on the Battalion soft ball team which is to date undefeated in its quest for the Division soft ball championship. They are Lieutenant Taylor and Corporal Sam Jones. After the extreme hot spell very cool weather has struck down and much odd clothing is displayed at the early morning exercises. Liberty towns are few and some distance away, but the Marines from this Company and the entire Division stationed here have been able to get to them.

Here is a few lines from the **MARINES OF KODIAK, ALASKA**, for the readers of THE LEATHERNECK. Since you have not heard any news from the base and the activities we will try to make you feel acquainted by this means and what we Marines do.

First comes duty which is to protect the base from within and prevent uprisings. Col. C. W. Martyr and his boys are doing the finest job possible.

We moved into our new modern barracks the 5th of August. We eat cafeteria style with the Navy, this command has 107 men and is in the very capable hands of Lt. Col. C. W. Martyr.

1st Lt. Sabol left for the states after being relieved by Lt. Barren, USMCR.

Promotions are making many smiling faces of late and they sure strike up the spirit to fight for more.

Speaking of fun and excitement surely no one has more than a good old fisherman in Alaska, the silver head salmon et cetera is so plentiful here that they can't stay under the surface of water. Every morning it seems they come flying through the air and down with a splash.

First Sgt. Tracy, Tech. Sgt. Hamil, and Pl. Sgt. Halsworth are often seen hopping a ride to the river for a good catch and it seldom misses.

Pfc. Souhrada has become so acquainted in Kodiak that he has a place in the swing band as trumpeter, drummer and can he swing it!

Incidentally the liquor in Kodiak seems to be of extra fine texture for it will make a man smile with delight and promise amazing results.

Men who received new rates during the last 2 months are W. H. Osborne, to Pl. Sgt. E. McLure (Line) to Sgt. W. McDaniel (Mess) to Sgt. J. L. Rogers (F.C.), E. J. Smith, J. L. McDonald and E. W. Hunnes to Corporal. J. Maule, G. Wusthoff, M. O. Kitson, N. P. Camire, J. R. Fleming, F. P. Hussey, H. "H" Lee, J. Zugish, R. Kerisey, H. Neese, M. Holloway, W. Morrison, B. Flader, L. D. Chalfant, N. MacDougall, T. J. Souhrada, and Z. J. Warzecha to Privates First Class.

It should be as easy to report the news from **HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE BATTERY, FIRST BATTALION, ELEVENTH MARINES**, as it is to "take off" on a week-end seventy-two. But as usual, your reporter, being first a Marine, has an "iron-clad" alibi. Simply this: "We're part of the FMF." That should be self-explanatory, but since all of our readers are not familiar with the Fleet Marine Force, we'll put it in our best English by saying: "We haven't stayed long enough in one location to make out a report."

"Then," thinks our reader, "since they've been travelling so much, they'll probably

have a long 'drawn-out' report and I'll read no further." But let us remind you again, we're first of all Marines, and being Marines, we've acquired the desire to keep moving, so we'll make this report as short and as interesting as we can. Of course we'll probably use an excessive number of commas and such, and our grammar will undoubtedly fall far below your ideals, but if you like "sob stories" bear with us and you'll hear some first class "gum-beating."

Our tale of woe begins with Memorial Day week-end of 1941. At that time we were happily settled in Quantico and were enjoying the luxuries of that post and at the same time recovering from our twenty-day furloughs. The coming week-end gave us many hours of happy anticipation, and it wasn't until the 28th of May that we were told we were moving and there would be no liberty! Our dreams of an enjoyable week-end were to remain just "dreams." The second of June found us on our way to Charleston, S. C., where we were joined by parts of the disbanded 3rd Battalion, Eleventh.

On the fifth of June we boarded the USS "Barnett" and for sixty-nine days we called her "home." During that time we had maneuvers at Hilton Head, S. C., and liberty at Charleston, more maneuvers, this time at New River, N. C., and more liberty, again at Charleston. Finally after countless trips from Charleston to New River and return, we broke the monotony by making liberty in Norfolk, Va., where we spent an enjoyable week, with forty-eights and seventy-twos given so easily it aroused our suspicions.

Well, we were right in getting suspicious. On August 1, we left Norfolk and our liberty and this time for a man-sized maneuver. A whole week of "boon-docking" with the entire First Marine Division, and some parts of the Army. We had a "lovely" time and enjoyed reading in the newspapers how well the "Army" was doing. Most of us didn't even know they were around.

Finally though, "as all good things must" we ended our stay aboard the "Barnett" and on the 14th of August returned to Quantico.

Quantico again seemed luxurious and in comparison it was. Clean laundry every week, movies every night that you could see and hear at the same time, swimming in a pool of fresh water, and good food cooked by Marines in the Marine fashion instead of "Navy chow." All in all we spent five weeks at the "shipping-over post" as Quantico has been nick-named. But it was too good to last and we moved again.

This move brought us to Parris Island, the post we hoped we'd never visit again. Remember? You probably said it too. But it isn't so bad—this way. At least we live in clean barracks, have our liberties, and can do our work with the use of all of our equipment. How long will it last? No one can answer that, but one thing they'll all tell you, from the Sgt. Maj. down to the messmen: "We joined the Marine Corps to travel, and Boy! We're getting it."

**THE MARINE DETACHMENT, TIEN-TSIN, CHINA**, feeling like a modern version of the famous "Lost Battalion," is still valiantly trying to occupy a compound—formerly used by one thousand troops—in such a manner that it doesn't resemble a ghost town. Although the notes of their small but potent Drum and Bugle Corps echo from vacant walls, the diminishing

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ranks form each Saturday and parade in a manner that would do credit to the Buckingham Palace Guard. The departing transports have gradually reduced the ceremony from a battalion parade to the formal guard mount.

The Drum and Bugle Corps deserves particular mention. The number of musics attached to this command has never been sufficient to organize a corps consisting of musics only. Consequently, several "ringers" have been recruited from time to time from the ranks. Usually their efforts make up in volume what they lack in quality.

The short timers having departed, the **MARINE DETACHMENT, AMERICAN EMBASSY, PEIPING, CHINA**, settles down to the old routine. To begin with let us congratulate the recent promotions: To Pay Clerk, Dewy D. Raynor, whose duties were Assistant Special Disbursing Agent and Post Paymaster. Pay Clerk Raynor having left on the last boat, we wish him success back in the good old U. S. A. To Platoon Sergeant: Holland Cash. To Sergeant: Russell P. Clark and Victor F. Ciarrachi. To Sergeant (PM) Roy A. Dobson. To Chief Cook: Orin R. Miller and Antonio Leon. To Corporal: William H. Chittenden, Max "H" Gaff, Bernard F. Kelly, and Charles W. Parr. To Field Music Corporal: Carroll W. Bucher. To Private First Class: Emit F. Logan and Dick R. Smith. Here's to you, let's hope many more come in your direction.

The detachment changed uniform, khaki is out and greens are in, on the 1st of October. They seem a bit cumbersome after a summer of light khaki.

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The U. S. Marines' Club has vacated its present premises and is about to move to a building which is very conveniently just across the street from the Guard Compound. This new club being twice or possibly three times as large as the old club and so conveniently near is just what we have been waiting for.

The North China Marine, Post monthly pictorial publication of Peiping, Tientsin, and Chinwangtao, China, has again changed hands. Corporal James W. Norton, who has returned to the States for duty, was relieved by Corporal Harold L. Retzke as Editor and Business Manager. The new Associate Editor and Business Manager is Private First Class Marino J. Simo of the Marine Detachment, Tientsin, China.

Our swimming pool seems to be a bit deserted these days due to the coolish weather; the time of the year being September, we can't quite understand it.

The gymnasium seems to be the center of activity now that the pool is as quoted above. Basketball is getting under way rather early this year, and from what I've seen we have a large quantity of very good material to pick a post team from. Part of last year's Championship Team remains. All in all the 1941-1942 Peiping International Basketball League is in the bag.

Being in a flattery mood let me state that we whipped the pants off the Tientsinates in handball in the tournament held at Peiping on the 7th of August; although they did take us in tennis and softball, we will even up the score a bit in basketball this season.

Not having the facilities the detach-

ments back in old Megwa do, we are unable to compete in the sports we really love, the main ones; a he man's sport, "Football" and America's favorite sport, "Baseball." But it won't be long—we will all be short-timers sometime.

Greetings to the Marine Corps, and particularly to our fellow "Snatch Booters" in the recruiting service, from the personnel of **DHS, MACON, GA.** Your correspondent is new here, so "pawdon us, suh," if this bit of dope is not up to scratch.

For the benefit of you men who have never ventured south of the Mason and Dixon line, Macon is situated in about the center of the State of Georgia. The town is another one of the cities which has drawn several defense "plums." Consequently the town is more or less of a boom town, and prices are in the upper strata.

But getting back to Marine Corps topics and tattles, our Commanding Officer of this station is Major Robert S. Pendleton and our other ranking officer is Lieut. Commander E. H. Prescott, NSN(M.C.). Since we are the Headquarters station of this district, and have a number of sub-stations under our jurisdiction, our officers are really kept on the jump.

We have as our Top Kieck, First Sergeant William D. Barker who also has his hands full keeping things running smoothly—and he does it without the regulation growls. Our chief "cough now" man is Chief Phar. Mate Jack Stiller; his assistant is J. A. "Louisiana" Guidry. Fitzsim-

mons, our regular chief clerk is now taking an extension furlough up in the fair State of Missouri.

Sergeant Gordon Day was holding down the IRD desk at the Macon post office. But since the arrival of Sergeant Robert E. Meetze from the sandy beaches of Paris Island, has been detailed on several IRD trips to various towns in Georgia.

Sergeant Callahan reported in here from the sub-station in Chattanooga, Tenn., and was forthwith re-assigned to the sub-station in Atlanta. Sergeant Reed Moberly also blew in from Oklahoma, and has been put in IRD to beat some of the Georgia boys out of the bushes, and sign them with the Leathernecks. Sergeant Ivan Shoemaker, an old stand-by at this station, is the pilot of our station wagon and is continuously making trips into the hills to bag a few of the boys.

The Georgia state fair was recently held here in Macon, and ye recruiters arranged a booth of Marine Corps exhibits which attracted considerable attention—and a few recruits, we may add.

The **TREASURE ISLAND MARINES**, here in the middle of San Francisco Bay, take a bow in the columns of **THE LEATHERNECK**. Having been here since May, on detached duty, we finally reached "manhood," being made a Marine Barracks on October 9, 1941.

First we introduce our able "Skipper"—Captain Martin W. Storm, who has worked hard and relentlessly in establishing this Post. He has been ably assisted by 2nd Lt. William F. Feasley.

A welcomed sight was our new "Top"—1st Sgt. O'Neal who reported in on October 5, 1941.

This post, a Naval training station, has grown rapidly from a handful of yard workmen and "Herman," an escaped monkey from last year's fair, to a fair sized command.

We participated in the San Francisco National Defense week Parade, which consisted of 15,000 soldiers and one company of Marines; as was to be expected, the Marines stole the show, getting by far the biggest hand from the crowd.

Two of our men were "paid off" this month; they were Corporal Krenicki and



One of the few pictures of the members of Marine Detachment, Sitka, Alaska

Private Van Fleet. We wish them lots of luck and success on the "outside."

This Marine Barracks pays its respects to a deceased member, the late Corporal Frank Murnin, who died at the Mare Island Naval Hospital on the 14th of October, 1941. He had served 24 years in the Marines. This barracks sadly misses and feels the loss of this man, for he was a swell fellow and a fine Marine.

There has been quite a number of recent promotions here; some of the men who are wearing new chevrons are—Sgt. Goshorn, Corp. Dobesh, Corp. Minney, Private First Class, Avetta, Gardner, D. W., Gardner, M., McK., Kizer, Over, Pirtle, Slycoid, Urani, Anglin, Freeborn, Kohagen, Lowery, Stebbins and Tanzi. We congratulate them for their fine work.

With such a great start with the untiring help of Captain Storm and Lt. Feasley, and the splendid cooperation of the men, this post looks forward to a bright and successful future.

**MB., NAD, HAWTHORNE, NEVADA,** reports that just like reveille and police call, here we are again. We were just a bit dubious about writing because it took quite a while for our last episode to make **THE LEATHERNECK**.

Our Commanding Officer, one of the most decorated men in the Marine Corps, is Major Charley Dunbeck.

There always is something happening out our way—transfers, promotions, new apartments, changes in our special duty men, a few changes in our routine to break up any monotony there might be and then there's the gates! Ah, me, those gates. It seems to this scribe that if St. Peter had as much trouble, we'll prefer some place else. Seriously, though, the gates—namely, the Magazine Area Gate and the Industrial Area Gate—have taken on a new aspect since they have been systemized. It's better all around and everyone praises the new regime.

Rates?—golly, yes; let's see where to begin: Platoon Sgt. E. W. Graham is now enjoying the benefits of a staff rate. W. E. Lukrofka made Sgt. in QM while J. A. McKenzie made Chief Cook. Christiansen, I. W., Hartman, G. L., Jacobson, R., Petow, J., made Corporal and J. L. Fleischauer made Field Cook with R. J. Siler making Field Music Corporal.

All the following made their initial step toward fame—that is, Pfc.: Addkinson, E. C., Berry, G. W., Bragg, T. F., Clark, J. E., Drake, C. D., Hartman, D., Kuhl, L. C., Mathews, J. D., Mathews, J. I., Poley, C. E., VanAlstine, W. W., Wallace, J. M., Young, R. E.

Captain F. H. Krug left us recently to join the Fleet Marine Force in San Diego. Best of wishes from the boys, Captain. In his place, we have Marine Gunner Huff, who came from San Diego, and is a very good guy.

Of course this Marine Corps isn't a summer tour, but there are always a few who get transferred from time to time. For instance, Corporal Hutchinson, Field Cook Barnard, Pfc. Corkran, Pfc. Dawkins, Pfc. Gilbert, Pfc. Sawyer, and Private Gray, all have gone to San Diego in the past few months. Fm. Witt and Pvt. Wren went to Mare Island; Pfc. McKaskle, N., went to Philadelphia Navy Yard, and Pfc. Dooley, Pfc. Jacobson, P. B., and Pvt. Bogart, went to Lakehurst, N. J., to become 'chutists.

However, our little desert post hasn't depleted in strength, since only 13 have left, and 27 have arrived. This number includes: Sgt. W. E. Lukrofka, Pfc. J. T.

Dowdy, Pfc. R. D. Freeman, Pfc. R. G. Lindlof, Pfc. F. E. Shannon, and Pvts. N. F. Abel, L. E. Albritton, J. L. Armstrong, C. A. Beckman, W. H. Brochhausen, V. R. Boromiso, R. F. Disandro, J. E. Gothard, R. W. Hayward, J. C. Long, W. L. Martin, T. A. P. Reichenberger, L. H. Schusterman, G. H. Scott, E. E. Semsky, J. P. Sommars, C. A. Sprick, G. E. Statham, Jr., J. A. Tassone, T. L. Thomas, H. Waldman, R. P. Witcher, J. C. Wright, and Fm. R. A. Goray, Jr.

At Low Cost Housing now, we have Sgt. Chambers (Ass't Manager), Sgt. Lukrofka (who was married the 18th of October), Cpl. Emils, Pfc. Davis, and Ex-Sgt. Glesner, who say that they are having their little flings every once in a while. That leaves only Cpl. Hurt and Catlyn, Pfc. Berry, Pierce, and McKaskle, O., in Hawthorne village. Of course there are a few more married men, but their wives seem not to be in Hawthorne. Oh, yeah, married non-coms have seven o'clock liberty now as compared to 6:20.

There have been quite a few furloughs—around seven men came back and six more left about the first. Our top Sergeant, C. G. Lail, certainly does put 'em out. And he's not a bit stingy about 48's and 72's, which goes to make us all happy.

An up and coming post is the **MARINE BARRACKS, NORFOLK NAVY YARD, PORTSMOUTH, VA.** There was a time, not so many years ago, when the City of Portsmouth hardly ever saw the Marines stationed at the Yard (there were only between 100 and 200 of us here then). Now there are over 800 of us here and more on their way from "Boot" camp. Both cities, Portsmouth and Norfolk are really aware of our presence now.

The Sea School Detachment, under the capable direction of Captain E. J. Dillon, is turning out men for duty aboard newly commissioned ships, such as the USS "Horner," USS "Alear," USS "Wasp," and many others.

As far as recreation is concerned, we have movies nightly in our auditorium and our very capable Assistant Recreation Officer, Lieutenant A. J. Beall, has shown us some "swell" times by taking the fellows on recreation parties. Trips have been made to Williamsburg, Va., Yorktown, Va., and the Mariner's Museum. A trip to Nag's Head and Kitty Hawk have been planned for the near future.

The promotions here have been too numerous to mention all of the fellows' names, so, to those who have recently been promoted, the Post extends its warmest congratulations.

**COMPANY A, FIRST AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION**, just a newly organized company. Our birth was accomplished the 24th day of October, 1941, but as time rolls on we'll be just as big as the others. Company "A" has the honor of being the first component of the First Amphibian Tractor Battalion ever to be formed by the Marine Corps. We're stationed at Dunedin, Florida, undergoing training in the operation of the tractors.

The enlisted strength of this company totals up to 64 men and our commissioned strength is 4. Our capable skipper, Captain W. K. Enright is doing the piloting for this outfit, and as his aids we have Lieutenants Croizat, Manterfield and Maxon. Our top-kick, 1st Sgt. Arthur J. Noonan recently joined the Amphibian Tractor Detachment from the FMF but now is a permanent member and number

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It may not be too long from now when we will all pack up and leave for New River, N. C., where we will become a part of the First Marine Division, and from there on your guess is as good as ours.

With all the magazines and news-reel outfits giving us publicity, our titles were sort of toned up, but not to confuse many of our readers, we still go by our original name, the "Alligator."

Since this company is still young, there is not much news that we can offer to the readers until we're fully settled. Next month may give us lots to write about, but in all probability the next bit of news from this company will come from New River, N. C., instead of sunny Dunedin, Florida.

**HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, THIRD BATTALION, SEVENTH MARINES**, has much to report this month. Promotions have been made, transfers effected, specialists ratings have been issued in excess to those we previously had, and of course, we have to report that our Beau Brummels have been responsible for the quickening of many a heart here in Onslow County, N. C.

Men who have been recently promoted are Sergeants Biffle, Rochford, and Wilson from Corporal; Corporals Canzian and DeVine from Private First Class, and Pfc. Binder, Walker, Zawada, Wilson, Orr, Potacala, Ratzow, Perley, Quackenbush, and Rosner from Private.

Private George Marunich has the best wishes of his Company on his transfer to the parachute troops.

The Mortar Platoon Gunners and the Observers in the Intelligence Section are happy boys these days. They should be! Imagine all of them are now specialists. Good going men but you'd better be good as there are many more men in this outfit angling for one of those.

Sports play a big part in our schedule and Headquarters Company is very well represented in all the activities. Pfc. "Whitey" Chambers is sure burning up the baselines in the softball league that is expected to terminate this week. Corporal Roy DeVine is still on the football squad. Stay there Son.

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Sergeant "Squad" Knight with his Tug o' War team is doing fine. No defeats in three starts. Keep it up "Squad."

Well, here we are again and to begin with, **COMPANY L**, 3rd Bn., 7th Marines, has found out since arriving at New River that Shakespeare was wrong when he said, what's in a name? for here it is something new every minute.

We have been boondocking as usual, but over new territory, one of our men who was transferred to Intelligence cheerfully informed a few tired hikers that most of North Carolina was Tennessee part of which in turn reached the Mississippi River, which is in a way regarded as the central part of the U. S. A., few hazy on geography doubted, but after another five mile hike they began to suspect they were headed there, "no we're not bouviette-wacky," it's our large scale maneuvers that cause one to think of such things.

We regret to say that 1st Sgt. Kepple is in the drydock at Norfolk Naval Hospital, after a long cruise with us, it seems as though he was the dot on "I" Co.

Lts. Reid and Hanson are now in our midst joining a few weeks ago. The baseball team is holding its own, but meeting stiffer competition here than at Parris Island, still while there is life there is hope. Corp. Carver, the Captain, has plenty of life in the team.

They say the show must go on and one went on here the other evening sponsored by those Civilian Entertainment Committees who are doing such good work, and it was highly appreciated by all and every one is looking forward to when there will be another one, only with more performers that will be as good as the ones who appeared with this one as there was nothing but compliments for them which means only one thing and that it was enjoyed by all.

So with that we will ring down the curtains until next month.

Since the last write up **COMPANY K**, 3rd Bn., 7th Marines, has undergone a few changes in personnel, what with transfers, joinees and a few promotions; with perhaps a few Corporals joining the Sergeants' ranks. But we won't delve into that until we know the results of the recent exams.

Taken from our ranks by transfer was Corporal Irvin Cohen, who was well liked by the men. We all wish to give him a royal sendoff and wish him the best of luck in his new job in the 1st Tank Company.

We wish to extend our most hearty congratulations to John A. Capp and Paul Matija for their recent promotion to the rank of Corporal. Here's wishing you luck in your new capacity and keep up the good work!

So far we have had nine joinees in the past month; they are as follows: Pfc. Ferris K. Renkens, Pfc. Truman E. Thomas, transfers from NPF, Indian Head, Md. Then we have ACK Paul D. Gryder, who was transferred from MBNY, Portsmouth, N. H. Private Michael Bobenko, who is at the present time enjoying a few days home on furlough, joined our ranks from the warm, sunny, beautiful tropics of Florida, nature's paradise. If he had only known how cold and raw it is up here in dear old North Carolina, where our only heat at night is that of a little kerosene stove which throws off about as much heat as one match normally does, I'm sure his brilliant move for transfer would have been soon forgotten. He was attached to MB, NAS, Jacksonville, Florida. Private Oscar T. Ginn, Jr., joined us from MB, NAD, Dover, N. J. Last but not least we have a few recruits direct from "boot camp," Parris Island, S. C., just waiting to be initiated into the ranks of the Fleet Marine Force. They are as follows: Private Alden A. Carter, Private Richard B. Cochrane, Private Robert J. Pawlikowski, and Private Eugene M. Parse. We wish to congratulate all you lucky fellows for getting into the best outfit in the Seventh Marines, and we'll be expecting great things from you all in the future.

Seems like the First Marine Division has gone "Sport Crazy"; everyone is playing football, basketball, volleyball, or boxing, or what have you. But right now it is quite the thing. We had two representatives out for the football team but it seems that they didn't quite make the team. Better luck next time, fellows! The Company Clerk has put his bid in for a place on the Division Boxing team. So far he is coming along fine and we'd very much like to see him make the team and bring back the championship medal in his class for "K" Company. Perhaps you all haven't heard of him, but you will (we hope!). Introducing Pfc. Edmund A. Dunham. Good luck kid!

Since last issue of this magazine there have been a lot of changes in **COMPANY L**, 3rd Bn., 7th Marines. Captain R. W. Beadle rejoined the company from the hospital at Parris Island, S. C., soon after the outfit arrived at New River. Second Lieutenant Condon left us for a short well-earned leave and returned a newlywed. . . . Good luck, Lieutenant. The following enlisted members of this organization were promoted: Pfes. Conrad, Maida, and Oliver to Corporal. Pfts. Carver, Ebling, Hart, Koziský, LaFever, Paige, Ray, Smith and Webb to Pfc. The company hopes that these men maintain their standards that led them to promotion and continue to climb the ladder as long as they are Marines.

Corporal Webber, who joined this company last February, has been transferred to the tanks where he will be in his glory amid the hammers and wrenches, etc. Private Brown has left us for a short period to attend the course at the Hercules

Motor Corporation, Canton, Ohio. At the expiration of this course he will return to this company to resume his duties.

Well, the time has arrived again or should we say that we have been sleeping on a nice soft spring bunk too long. Next week the entire division will depart for an unknown area via the heavy marching order and will remain in said area during the period from 3 November to the 7th. Will try and give an account of this colossal movement next month so until then . . . So Long.

Hello readers. This is **COMPANY M**, Third Battalion, 7th Marines, bringing to you all the latest scuttlebutt within the company. A certain runner in Company Headquarters should take a compass with him when delivering a message in the future. Congratulations to Cpl. Ivan Q. Depue and Paul C. Trammell on their recent promotions. The machine gunners can be seen wearing a smile from ear to ear these days. Well, why shouldn't they? They have just received an increase in pay, and they well deserve it. It certainly is a man-size job to carry a tripod around, but the spirit that prevails within the company while on the march tends to decrease the gunner's load. FM1el Warner awoke this morning to find an overgrown hound nobly warming his feet.

Our command is well represented on the Division football team. Sgt. Gus P. May, the flashy quarterback, certainly talks things up in that backfield, and adds plenty of pepper to the team.

Recent transfers were Sgt. Robert R. Graham, Cpl. James P. Treadwell, Pfc. John H. Firth, and Pvt. Edward R. Masslon. We wish them the best of luck at their new stations. We also wish all the luck to Cpl. John Neuwirth and Pfc. Coble, who received their discharges, after serving with the Corps for four years. We welcome Pfc. Oswald "D" McCurdy, Pfts. James H. Ray, Eugene C. Rumpa, Harris Townsend, and Gustavus B. Timanus, who have just joined our company.

That's about all we have to offer for the present, but keep your peepers focused for the next issue.

**THE MARINE BARRACKS, NAVAL AIR STATION, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO**, since last heard from, has had some changes in personnel including our commanding officers. Captain R. H. Hayden has been transferred and our new commanding officer, Major Kenneth B. Chappell, took over command in June after arriving from the Basic School. The Quartermaster department is handled by 1st Lt. Maynard M. Nohrden and his assistant, Corp. H. L. Smith and they keep the situation well in hand at all times. Our two Second Lieutenants will soon be narrowed down to one as Lt. R. N. Fricke is being sent back to the States for hospitalization and it will be the hopes of many in this command that he will be returned here to complete his tour of duty. Lt. H. W. Coulter, Jr., is happy in the knowledge that he won't have to turn his hat around each morning and report as his relief as Officer of the Day, as our new Marine Gunner, Wilfred S. LeFrancois, accepted his warrant on the 20th of October and immediately started to pass out the cigars.

Major Chappell has been busy in trying to get a beer garden built for the Marines out on the air station point and from the

way it has been progressing, it looks as if the opening day will be on the birthday of the Marine Corps which will be celebrated with a big party for all hands. Corp. Crews, our police sergeant is very much worried these days as it has been brought to his attention that the ladies' auxiliary wishes to use the garden for their sewing circles; however, on good authority it has been passed out that the party will come off as scheduled with a field meet and ball game to keep things lively. Notice has been received that Sergeant Major George Nelson is coming here for duty to take over the duties as Sgt. Major in the District Marine Officer's office. First Sergeant John J. Locke has been transferred back to the States and First Sergeant Charles L. Disney is holding down the position of top kick for the air station Marines. The chow situation is well looked after by the two Gunnery Sergeants, F. H. Hast and Andrew Humza as they are always on the job to see that none gets away without its first being approved by them and it just happens that they are always looking for some to approve of. Platoon Sergeant Christian is still heaving the strays out of the cabarets bodily as assistant to the Shore Patrol officer while Platoon Sergeant Fitzgerald is looking after his charges in the station brig as job of assistant to the provost marshal is all his.

In the First Sergeant's office are Pfc. J. W. Gibbons and N. A. Ross as clerks, and Pfc. W. J. Gaylord as company clerk. Pfc. Ross is getting to be quite a short timer and it won't be long before we lose him.

Although there has been no word yet as to whether we are to get our own barracks or move in with the navy, everyone is hoping that we will soon be by ourselves as it will go far in building up the morale of the command as a whole due to the advantages to be gained if we have separate barracks. To those who read this and are former members of the San Juan Marines, it may be of interest to know that the mud flats are beginning to look like something and the piledrivers are disappearing from our vicinity. To those who have never been down our way it may be of some interest to know how it is for a place of duty. The air station is located just across the bay from San Juan and from the Marine barracks the whole town is visible. Liberty is good and for those who like to take trips to see the rest of the Island there are many points of interest that are well worth seeing. Swimming parties leave for the beaches every afternoon and from the number of men who are ready for the truck when it is leaving seems to attest to the popularity of this form of recreation.

The Marine softball team had a very busy season and we are proud of the showing they made in their games with the air station team and even if it was to lose the final one with a very close score all members of the Marine barracks are proud of them and we hope to give the opposing teams a little bit better competition next season.

Everyone is looking anxiously forward to the time when we get the new rifles here as there are very few men left who still belong to that class known as those who draw qualification pay and we all want another try at a little extra money if it is to be had by way of holding and squeezing them.

Some of the men who are short timers here at the station will soon be returning to the states for duty at other posts and in return new men will come down to wrestle with ol' man Cuba Libre only to be known for such time as is necessary to

recuperate for another try, so to those who are about to leave we say best of luck and good wishes on your new stations and to the ones who will join us in the future we extend our welcome to San Juan.

In this day of increasing National Defense measures, the formation of a new organization has become rather commonplace news. So we quietly announce the existence of **BATTALION L. 4TH BN., 11TH MARINES**, a 155-mm. Howitzer outfit.

Born on the 22nd of October out of the Recruit Depot and sired by the 1st and 2nd Battalions which makes for real legitimacy, we are off to a good start and should soon be up to full strength at which time you may expect to hear more from us.

1st Lt. Guido F. Verbeek, Jr., is our battery commander, 2nd Lts. Dale H. Heeley, Arthur A. Lombardo, and John B. Gillespie make up the remaining officers. Platoon Sergeants P. Sparks, A. G. Kotylo, and J. V. Szynkowski are rapidly leading our new men along the road of an Artilleryman; Sgt. I. J. Callman is acting 1st Sgt.

So now that we're born we trust you will watch us grow until you can hear us talk—it will be loud and good.

Greetings, Leathernecks, wherever this article might find you at this reading. Once again you hear from the thriving little city of **ERIE, PA.** Here in this part of Pennsylvania we are beginning to experience the first phases of Fall. There is an increased dampness in the air that will no doubt last for several months to come. The reason I make note of this fact about the weather is, that I have never been this far north before and I'm sure some of you fellow gyrenes will know just what I'm in for.

We have had another successful month of recruiting, which makes me inclined to believe that we are finally putting the Marine Corps on the Map as far as this city is concerned. If you recall, I said in my last month's article that this was strictly a Navy town. I'm quite sure we will beat the Navy in enlistments this month by 20%, which I can truthfully say isn't at all bad. Of course, the Navy's recruiting is no doubt affected a great deal by worldly affairs. But as for that recruiters of all services have felt the pressure caused by these trying times.

I am beginning to feel a longing to get back to barracks routine. Once you get used to a set time for everything it is hard to become adjusted to any other sort of routine. Some of you might have the idea that we have a snap on this duty. That is far from the truth. This is a job that keeps you busy all the time. And now that we are given the job of increasing the Marine Corps to a strength known only at one other time, World War I, we find that we have very little time that we can call our own. This is a job that requires the follow through method on everything that is started. There is one thing though, we have two fine departments that we work



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in cooperation with. They are the Publicity Bureau and the Public Relations Divisions. These two units have done an awful lot to make the public Marine Corps conscious. And to them we owe the greater percentage of our enlistments.

There is one thing that I would like to stress. That is, that you Marines back in the various barracks and stations remember that each and everyone of you have an important part to play in the recruiting service. You can do this by observing and carrying out every known phase of regulations and conduct while on liberty or furlough. The impression that the public gets from seeing a Marine on furlough is one of the most important factors of recruiting. I'll close this article by asking each of you to give your uniform an extra brush and your shoes an extra rub before shoving off on your furlough. Thanks to all.

Again the Marines at the **NAVAL AIR STATION, TERMINAL ISLAND**, have gone society. This time it was Ellen Drew, the movie actress and her husband, Cy Bartlett, scenario writer, who entertained the Leathernecks. The half dozen who were fortunate enough to be included were guests of Mr. Bartlett at a polo game at the exclusive Riviera Country Club, Hollywood, Calif., one afternoon and then were feted at the couple's home in the Bel Air hills district in Hollywood.

The chosen few were: Corp. Mac Bartlett, Pfc. L. E. Gibson, Pfc. C. B. Boddy, Pfc. W. J. Reeves, Pfc. S. Norgaard, and Pvt. P. L. V. Campo. Good dope if you can get it.

Marine participation in Navy day activities included the furnishing of a color guard at the Long Beach municipal auditorium. Marines taking part were Corp. L. Costa, Pfc. E. J. Caillouet, Jr., Pfc. R. P. Bonnett, Pfc. Gibson, Pfc. Boddy, Pfc. Reeves, Pfc. C. L. Nalevanko, and Pfc. J. E. Sanders.

Any sport victory over the Navy, although of course never unusual, is always something over which to become elated. And during the month, the Marines whipped the sailors of this station three times in softball by 8-2, 6-5, and 4-3, scores.

In the line of sport also was this detachment's recreation day at the navy field near Fort McArthur. An informal good time stimulated by a copious amount of beer brought the group back to the base with new zest. Somewhat of an opposite effect, however, were the maneuvers in the hills near here one day and a subse-

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quent seven-mile hike. It was some days before our pedal extremities were normal.

Our quartermaster, W. R. Neely, was promoted to Quartermaster Sergeant. One newcomer came aboard, he being Corporal Orville O. Dunn from the USS "Pennsylvania."

My calendar tells me that it's autumn but one glance at the weather outside my window and I'd swear that it was summer. However, it may be so hot on account of the intense activity going on while we pack and prepare for the motor convoy to New River, N. C. For BATTERY A, 1ST BATTALION, 11TH MARINES, it is nothing new to be transferring the entire kit and kaboodle after one month's getting accustomed and acquainted in the surrounding area. So, for the next few weeks you'll find us maneuvering in the vicinity of Wilmington, N. C., and planning on weekend jaunts, even as far as Washington, D. C.

The past month has been rather busy for us with frequent battalion and battery problems in the boondocks, and regular 37mm. and 75mm. firing on the range. The instrument section is gaining swift proficiency in its surveys and, hence, the battery can often count on well-located targets.

We extend welcome to the new men who have joined us and wish, also, the best of

luck to those transferred. Lt. J. Blue is now at Fort Sill for additional artillery training. Again we introduce pleasurable Lt. Phelan, formerly with the battery and now replacing Lt. G. Verbeck who was transferred to the 4th Battalion, and Lts. J. Crowley and R. McClelland, recently at Quantico. We were sorry to learn that Lt. J. P. Mehrlust had been transferred to the 4th Battalion and also sympathize with him in his unfortunate accident. His stay with us was brief but his absence had been sadly noted by many. Pl. Sgt. Sparks, Sgt. Mann and Cpl. Amory, Burns, Elrod, Lassen and Watson were also transferred to the 4th Battalion. Best wishes to all of you! Corporal H. Katz and Pfc. Davis joined the parachute troops at Lakehurst, N. J. Here's looking up at you, men! Sgt. Edwards transferred to H&S-1-11 and was replaced by Cpl. Francesco Meloro who, by now, is one of the gang.

The men meriting ratings for the month were: Sgt. Twiford, Cpl. Burns, Ingles, Lassen and Katz. Cpl. Lassen had the traditional "wetting down of stripes" at the Tavern and it was some shindig! Up from the ranks came Pfc. Dutton, Ignas, Davis, McReynolds, Procter and Richard Roach. Congratulations to one and all!

Pfc. J. C. Diviney married the former Dorothy Carroll at Beaufort, S. C. The happy couple had a reception at the Beaufort Inn where all drank well to the health of the bride and groom. We extend to them our sincere congratulations and best wishes!

A casual survey revealed the interesting fact that we're quite self-sufficient in many respects. In the roster are photographers, photo-finishing, radio-technicians, tailors, barbers and purveyors of toothsome morsels of confectionery, constantly at the service of all, cash or jaw-bone. We also list a neat boxer in Pvt. Thomas who fought and outpointed Pfc. Abradi at the last smoker.

Our machine-gun section (50 caliber) spent a few pleasant days at Hilton Head in getting some practice at anti-plane fire. Cpl. A. Runyon, a quietly efficient master of many arts, succeeded Sgt. Mann as section chief. We look forward to a crack machine-gun outfit!

Well, the shadows have lengthened considerably since I sat down to type these few lines. There's an excellent movie at the Lyceum tonight and I've got to change into greens (officially changed on 28th) in a hurry if I want to make the first show.

With the approach of the holiday season at hand we "Leathernecks" of the NAVAL AIR STATION, ALAMEDA, CALIF., are enjoying the fruits of many activities. During the month we had the pleasure of exhibiting our station to Bob Burns, who paid us a short visit (absent his "bazooka"). His short stay was highly appreciated and we did our best to entertain this ex-gyrene, who in a joking man-

ner promised us a return visit later. Also, under the expert coaching of Sgt. Swick and with the aid of our new Armory and the many other facilities at hand, we are forming a Marine quintet, which we believe will prove invincible in our station basketball tournament composed of thirteen other Navy teams ranging from the boathouse to the lads in the Trades Schools. Oh, yes, we haven't mentioned the boxing talent that's being put to use. The boys have many fistic engagements to fulfill this season and judging from their workouts it looks as if they are headed for laurels galore.

The visions of a beautiful station a year ago have become a reality now. We have some of the finest trees, shrubs, and various plants embedded here on the station. The reservation in general is taking shape more rapidly than anticipated. With the completion of the Armory, theatre, and a few other much awaited structures it gives the place more of an air of "home."

May we take this space to wish you one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we anxiously look forward to participation in this journal for the year to come.

Labor Day saw the arrival of 2nd Lt. Erik W. Ritzau at **MB, SITKA, ALASKA**, from H Co, 2nd Marine Division, MCB, San Diego, California, thus bringing our total Marine Officer complement to two. Lt. Ritzau had the distinction of being the only representative of the Marine Corps on board the Army Transport, "St. Mihiel."

Our basketball team is rounding into shape under the able tutelage of GySgt. June and team captain Pfc. McSpadden. We expect to have two teams of equal ability to put on the floor which will undoubtedly end the season high up in both the service league of Japoneski Island and the town league of Sitka.

No doubt the readers have heard of our recent accident here in which five soldiers and one Marine were killed. The Marine, the late Pvt. Thomas A. Baskin, died in the line of duty, attempting to save the lives of others. He distinguished himself and could give nothing greater to his country or fellowmen. We of the Marine Barracks, Sitka, are proud to have known such a man. He did his utmost in upholding the tradition and prestige of the Marine Corps.

On the 26th of August eight men rushed down to the tailor shop and had adorned upon their arms the single stripe of the Private First Class. They are, namely, Boyd, Davis, Hildinger, Hoffert, Martin, O'Neal, Sanders, and Schroeder. Thus, a tighter grip on that lower step on the ladder up.

A hunting trip this week-end, consisting of Captain C. O. Totman, USMC, GySgt. June, Field Cook Millen, Pm 1st Cl Joyal, CPO Hall and Mr. Peterson ended with a total gain of ten ducks and one deer. All of which fell under the steady eye and trusty weapon of Captain Totman.

We lost ten men the 4th of October, but in turn gained ten on the arrival of the Army Transport Red Wood. These fortunate chaps (the ones arriving are): Sgt. Sheckler, FC Millen, Corporals Gustafson and Giveans, Pfc. Simone, Sullivan and Pvt. Cox, Rosenstein, Dennis, and ACK Clarke.

This terminates the news for this issue, but you can look forward to hearing from us in the next.



The Editor, THE LEATHERNECK,  
Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR:

I would like to know if there is any later dope on the examination for Marine Gunner other than that given in Circular Letter No. 377, dated 13 July, 1940. If there is would you please tell me how I would get it?

Thanking you very much, I remain,

Very truly yours,

1ST SGT. KENNETH J. FAGAN, USMCR.

Ed.—There has been no change.

The Editor, THE LEATHERNECK,  
Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR:

Are all men who served in China, during May, 1938, and May, 1941, entitled to the new China Service Medal? If a man is entitled to the medal is he authorized to purchase and wear the ribbon if available?

What are the regulations as regards wearing four ribbons; one long bar of four or one bar of three with a single bar above or below?

Thanking you kindly, I remain,

Very truly yours,

SUP. SGT. HOWARD J. J. WEISS, USMC.

Ed.—You are entitled to the China Service Medal for your service in China 1938-1939. The ribbons should be worn in rows of three, right to left, Expeditionary Medal, Yangtze Service Medal, with Good Conduct Medal and China bar centered underneath.

NOTE: "The First Sergeant's Handbook" is not being distributed by the Naval Institute as stated in the "Sound Off" of the November issue. Attention is invited to an advertisement on page 54 of this issue regarding the above mentioned publication.

The Editor, THE LEATHERNECK,  
Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR:

It would please me if you could tell me why P.F.C.'s and Privates are not permitted to wear the red stripe.

We are in the Marine Corps too, so why shouldn't we have the same honor and privilege of wearing the stripe?

Respectfully yours,

PVT. J. W. SCHREYER.

Ed.—This honor was awarded originally to the officers only, both commissioned and noncommissioned, for the leadership and gallantry shown at Chapultepec and was intended as a reminder to future officers of what was and is expected of them in battle.



## *From the Editor's Desk*

SINCE AUGUST 1940, when the British government withdrew their Marines, the U. S. Marines in China have been the principal representation of foreign troops.

The Marines have been retained in China to protect American nationals and American property. Protection has been the task of American troops in China since the first Marines landed in 1854 to quell a native uprising that imperiled American citizens. From then until the Boxer rebellion at the turn of the century the Marines made only occasional excursions ashore but since the signing of the Boxer protocol in 1901, American armed forces have been stationed continuously in China to preserve order and insure the safety of our subjects.

Today the present detachments in Peiping and Tientsin are in territory controlled by Japanese occupation forces while the Marines in Shanghai are surrounded by Nipponeese troops. The situation has been grave for sometime.

On November 13, the President disclosed the Marines would be withdrawn from their China stations. When they would leave or where they would go was not disclosed. The President merely stated that American nationals would be given an opportunity to leave before the Marine evacuation.

Thus closes one of the oldest of Marine stations. Thousands of the Soldiers of the Sea have seen service under the shadow of the Great Wall and have learned the customs, the folkways and lores of the people of the East.

And, when the last Marine leaves China an the great pages of the Book of Time closes on this era of our corps' history, a last written notation will be the simple, "Well done."

## FERRY PILOTS

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augurated by the handful of Canadians and Americans, the British, to insure the steady flow of the badly-needed bombers, and to iron out some of the mechanical difficulties encountered in the administrative end, have appointed Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill to the command of the Atlantic Ferry System.

Sir Frederick was formerly head of the vital R.A.F. Coastal Command, and his appointment as chief of the Atlantic Ferry shows graphically the steps forward made by the organization started in the smoky squadron mess.

The careful planning and groundwork undertaken is strikingly evident in the matter of accidents. There have been some accidents—at the take-off in Canada, when heavily loaded airplanes got out of control, and there has been one accident in England at landing after a successful trip. According to the pilots there has been not one instance of a ship making a forced landing at sea during a crossing, although several crashes and fatalities have been recorded on the return run.

Coming across now, in a steady stream, are Hudsons, famous Boeing Flying Fortresses, and giant Consolidated Liberators. Catalina flying boats are reaching England from a Bermuda route.

The British Air Ministry has just released information on the courageous flight of a Catalina flying boat which left Bermuda, and en route lost both its ailerons. Flying at

18,500 feet, the automatic pilot in the plane was jammed, and as the starboard aileron was full down, the plane was thrown into a spiral dive, spinning from 18,500 feet to only 800 feet above sea level. Both ailerons then broke away and the pilots found it necessary to jettison smoke flares, spares and the tool kit when it seemed that the great plane, weighing 15 tons, must hit the water. The struggling pilots finally regained control of the damaged craft and then flew for six hours, exerting all their strength on the controls to bring the plane safely home.

However, no matter which route is being taken, the fact that the bombers and flying boats are getting through quickly and safely means that one of the last great air routes of the world has been conquered. The experience which is being built up now on the Atlantic route should be invaluable after the war, when eight hour flights to England, at a cost of \$150 per trip, will be made daily.

It is perhaps too close to the era when ocean flying was strictly a stunt to have the American people at large accept as unglamorous the fact that American bombing planes are being delivered by air from Canadian and Southern bases to military aerodromes in England. The result is a lot of hot air, puff stories, and sensational dream articles in the newspapers. But behind all this there is a solid background of sound accomplishment and real flight technique.

These flights are strictly business—damned serious business—and almost, but not quite, routine.

## SKIMMED FROM THE SCUTTLEBUTT

"Charge it."  
"What is the name?"  
"Zazvorkinski."

"Take it for nothing," the druggist said languidly, "I wouldn't write Zazvorkinski and Potassium permanganate for no nickel."  
—*White Caps and Sea Breezes.*

Sailor: "You aren't getting seasick, are you, buddy?"

Recruit: "Not exactly, but I'd sure hate to yawn."

A preacher walked into a saloon, ordered milk, and by mistake was served a milk punch.

After drinking it, the holy man lifted his eyes to heaven and was heard to say: "Oh, Lord, what a cow!"

—*White Caps and Sea Breezes.*

### SECOND MORTGAGE?

"And to think I mortgaged the house to send my boy to college. All he does is go out with girls, drink and smoke."

"Do you regret it?"

"Sure. I should have gone myself."

### SET TO MUSIC

It is said that people who stammer often sing well. A deckhand who suffered from an impediment in his speech ran to the captain on the bridge during a storm and started and started: "P-please s-s-sir."

"For goodness sake, hurry up," said the captain, irritably. "If you can't say it, sing it."

The deckhand took a very long breath and sang: "Should auld acquaintance be forgot; the first mate's fallen overboard; he's half a mile behind."

—*Fifth Corps News.*

Traffic Cop: "Don't you know what I mean when I hold up my hand?"

Old Lady: "I ought to; I was school teacher for thirty-five years."

Coed: "I'd like to see the captain of this ship."

Sailor: "He's forward, Miss."

Coed: "That's all right. This is a pleasure trip."

"Hell, yes," said the Devil, picking up the phone.

Do you always look under your bed before you say your prayers?

No, darling, said the old maid, I always pray first.

Wallie: "They all laughed when I stood up in the night club. How did I know I was under the table?"

Man is a creature who looks in the tailor's triple-view mirror to note how the collar fits, and exclaims—"Boy! Do I need a haircut!"

### A-MAIZED!

Baby ear of corn—"Mama, where did I come from?"

Mama ear—"Hush, dear, the stalk brought you!"

A colored preacher was hearing a confession. In the middle of it, he stopped the young sinner, saying, "Young man, you ain't confessin'—you's braggin'!"

### POST EX SPECIAL

"Hey, this cigar you just sold me—it's terrible!"

"What are you griping about, boot? You've only got one of 'em. I've got a thousand to get rid of before inventory!"

"Sis, why do you go to dances with that big gob? You know that he can't dance."

"Maybe he can't dance, but boy! how he can intermission!"

"You must have misunderstood me, major. All I said was I see your boy is a little basker in the sun!"

Three roosters in a barnyard in the rain, Two ran for the barn, The third made a duck under the porch.

The height of bad luck—seasickness and lockjaw.

One: "How can I make anti-freeze?"  
Two: "Hide her woolen underwear."

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth—less 26 per cent inheritance taxes.

"Won't you join me in a cup of coffee?"  
"You get in first."

Two little boys stood on the corner. A little girl passed by.

Said one: "Her neck's dirty."  
Said the other: "Her does?"

## THE LEATHERNECK

## UNDER THE RED STAR

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recoil-operated, belt-fed, air-cooled Tokarev machine gun adopted by the Red Army about 1929. Not satisfactory, as Spanish veterans will avow, it has been dropped from the Army list and supplanted by a similar gun standardized on March 10, 1940. In general the gun is a lighter Maxim, with two hand grips, thumb-piece and index finger safeties which must be pulled back before thumb-pressure is applied. Distinctive is the heavily flanged barrel, tapering off into a prominent flash-hider. An anachronism is the retention of the metal shield. In this gun more attention has been paid to the sights than on any other Russian infantry weapon.



The rear has a leaf not unlike the M-1903 Springfield, with windage by knob on the right of the sight base. Only an open V is provided, with line of sight down the gun's center-line. Workmanship is good. The mount, with its traverse scales, may be either a tripod or—for winter—a heavy

sled like a surfboard, towed by two men.

A more unusual invention attributed to Tokarev is the machine rifle. Like a normal rifle in appearance, this modern-looking arm is fitted with a knife bayonet. The bayonet is fixed to the barrel, which is free of wood for the length of the bayonet grip. A compensator-affair on the muzzle connects with the bolt mechanism by a rod. The gun is thus partly gas and partly recoil. A straight bolt handle is fitted for manual operation. In early models, a ventilated metal casing supplanted forestock and hand-guard. Later versions have reverted to wood. Regular 7.62-mm. ammunition feeds in ordinary clips into a steel magazine protruding well below the stock.

Perhaps a more successful model of automatic than the large rifle is the tiny Tokarev pistol of 1933. A small Browning-type of 7.62-mm. calibre, it is furnished mainly to aviators. Actually it is a machine pistol, with ammunition of a muzzle velocity of 1377 f.s. The weight is only 1.2 pounds. An extra clip is carried in the leather holster provided.

Though this, the well-known 7.5mm. Nagant revolver and a Colt-type 9-mm. automatic make up the standard Russian pistols, it is actually unrealistic to make any such generalization. Russians like guns, and the hordes of men that swept through Russia in the days of the World War, the Revolution and the Civil War have left a surfeit of different arms. Each man is likely to have his own personal preference.

As a result one may see all types of side arms. One soldier will prefer the Mauser, another a Star, while visitors like the Germans are bound to leave large numbers of Lugers of various calibers.



However much the Reds may have striven to obtain modern arms of their own design, their infantry has retained for the bulk of their heavy machine gun equipment the old Maxim of 1910. This ancient standby with its old German shield as trademark has gone far afield.

It has seen service in China, Roumania, Finland, in Spain and in Estonia. While of late a tripod has been provided with proper traversing gear and scale, the main characteristic of the Russian Maxim besides the shield is the two-wheeled mount. Carrying the gun on a turntable with rear support furnished by an adjustable loop of tubing, this wheeled mount is extremely hard to emplace evenly on rough ground. Therefore, in the new tripod mount, the wheels fold up and let the tripod carry the weight. In the

old Maxim, the elevation gear is defective for rapid work.

It was for that reason Monastiero's cavalry was able to rush many Maxim gun positions in Spain. Rocketing out of a draw at dawn, they would risk a few ill-aimed shots at their horses' legs and then saber the gunners. Naturally one has to appreciate the extremely short ranges used in Spain to understand how this feat was accomplished. The fact is that these incidents indicate that the old Maxim 1910 is not a satisfactory modern weapon. Without traversing clicks or a scale on the turntable, coordinated fire with other guns is impossible. The crude V rear-sight, though fitted with windage, cannot deliver well-aimed fire. The gunner is hindered in sighting through having his path of vision pass the shield. The latter, an old, heavy German affair some 3 mm. thick, can afford nothing but moral protection. Its only positive effect is to aid the enemy by decreasing the mobility of an already heavy piece, and by indicating the location of the emplacement.

Whatever may be said for accuracy of fire, the robustness of the piece gives it a high rate of ammunition expenditure. The 250-round belts are fed into the right of the gun from cans holding two belts each. Consumption is at the cyclic rate of 500 rounds per minute, but since the corrugated water jacket (smooth in older models) is not connected by hose to a steam condenser box, the water must be replaced from time to time after steam has made its escape.

Water is carried in cans similar to belt cans, and accommodation for all is found on the winter ski-gear from which the gun may be fired. Though sturdy Russians may man-handle both mount (90 pounds) and gun (39.6 pounds) as a solo act, march transport is by two-horse cart.

Flossier yet and typically Russian is the spirited Tachanka which can dash about like a Roman four-horse chariot. Here the gun faces backwards, the crew of two sitting opposite with their backs to the driver. In case of air attack, Tachanka machine guns can go into action in a few seconds. The mount is so secured to the cart that it can be raised and fired with gunners standing. For this work, a special peep sight is fitted to the raised pole of the rear sight. A bar running the length of the water jacket is then fastened on, and on this a movable slide holding a sight made of three concentric rings. These rings are weighted so that they remain plumb. For leads, the squad commander rides up alongside the Tachanka on his horse and pushes the slide closer to or farther away from the gunner's eye.

To obtain a perfect Niagara of empty cases, the Russians have combined four of these guns on a six-wheeled Ford truck in order to give security against planes strafing road columns from altitudes up to 5,000 feet. In this arrangement the same AA sights are used, mounted on the gun second from the gunner's left. Lead is set by moving the sight via crank on extreme left gun. Since volume of fire is the objective, the mount is a maze of ammunition boxes, counter-weights, waterboxes, and tubes attached to the rear of the water-jackets. Some years ago our Army dropped this multiple machine gun idea, but apparently the Russians love the reckless expenditure of lead.

A more sensible automatic arm recently furnished in quantity to Soviet troops is a new 9-mm. Tommy gun. Experience in Finland undoubtedly gave the Russians a healthy respect for the Finnish Suomi, but in adopting their Bergmann modification the Reds have failed to learn the same lessons as the Finns and Germans. Their model has an open bolt slot into which snow and mud is bound to get. Also, they employ a drum magazine, which has been dropped for vertical feed in both the Suomi and German infantry-parachutist Mauser.

While off base in the development of the Tommy gun, the Russians have provided large numbers of light and heavy trench mortars. The former is similar to our tripod-

fitted 60-mm., and is supplemented by rifles fitted with tromblons to fire the Diakanov grenade, propelled by ordinary ball cartridges and supposedly accurate to 500 meters. Like almost all nations, the Russians use an 81mm. Stokes-Brandt with optical sights for their heavy mortar.

More important than any of the above weapons are the Russian antitank guns. Fear of meeting for the first time masses of fairly efficient antitank guns was one of the chief causes for German abandonment of their Panzer blitz. Basic in Russian defenses was the Russian 37-mm. gun firing a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pound shell with a muzzle velocity of 2,540 feet per second. A type almost identical in every respect to the German Rheinmetall of the same caliber, the only point of difference lies in the breech-lock, which slides to the left in the German and falls in the Russian. The Russian crew is armed with rifles and carry wooden boxes holding five rounds. Unless on special sled, transport is almost invariably by caterpillar tractor. This carries driver and squad leader (who operates a tank machine gun) in a forward armored compartment, letting the six-man gun crew ride back to back on the rear. A limber between gun and tractor carries ammunition. The real purpose of the tractor is not to pull a 737 pound piece, that can in a pinch be man-handled by two men, but to permit battle reconnaissance and transport of supplies under fire.

Supplemental to the 37-mm. is a purely Russian 45-mm. M-1932 gun, which won the reputation of being the best antitank gun in Spain, not excluding the Rheninmetall. An increase in weight to 1,034 pounds permits the increase in caliber so that a heavy shell may be fired at a velocity of 2,485 feet per second. Traction may be by caterpillar or pair of horses. As additional morale-builders the Russians supply a bipod-fitted .50 caliber antitank rifle and an automatic .80 caliber (20 mm.) cannon.

Following a trend prevalent in Germany, Italy and Japan, the Russians have backed up the antitank guns with a 76.2mm. (3-inch) howitzer of low silhouette. Standing no higher than an average man's waist, the Russian Model 1928 may be furnished either with rubber-tired wooden wheels or with pneumatic-tired disc wheels. Six are assigned to each infantry regiment, and are drawn either by four horses or by tractor and limber. Their shield is so similar to the old Model 1902 Putilov light field gun that the Model 28 is frequently so identified.

As a matter of fact, the Red artillery program has replaced almost all of their old 76.2's. A general modernization of Russian artillery set in toward the end of the 1920's. This has brought out new and more powerful field types, from a long 76.2-mm. gun through 122-mm. and 152-mm. howitzers up to 107-mm., 150-mm. guns and 210-mm. mortars. Instead of old wooden wheels, this artillery has either hard-rubber-tired or newer pneumatic-tired steel wheels. To make certain that their Army has everything, mobile and railway artillery up through 16-in. guns has been built. Some is obviously superior to any our own hitherto penniless Army has developed. Guns shown in the Mannerheim Line seige were frequently provided with fairly complete overhead armor on railway mounts, and incorporated Rube Goldberg refinements for movements of ammunition and power-loading.

Such forward thinking has produced a six-wheeled shielded self-propelled mount for the 76.2-mm. infantry howitzer and even an attempt at a non-recoil gun. However, in antiaircraft artillery, orthodoxy rules. Desire for nationalism and gags has not prevented the adoption of the almost world standard 40-mm. Bofors automatic. Heavy guns are truck-borne or towed Model 1933 76.2's, backed by the mobile Leningrad 105-mm.

For artillery and the other arms, in past years three helmet types have been issued. The original French helmet was succeeded by one with pronounced flanges over nose and ears. Of good quality, helmets of this model made in 1939 cushioned the head against an imitation leather sweatband overlying shock-pads of sponge rubber. Lack of leather causes a fabric chin-strap, also present in the new helmet—an Italian-style affair with more protection, no flanges and a bead round the edge.

The sum total of this materiel program with its massive ramifications and advanced thinking has meant that the Russians have been able to force the Germans to turn from lightning war to a prolonged infantry campaign. Given competent staff officers and little political interference with preparation and war, the Russians might have turned the suicidal efforts of the Russian peasant into victory. The Russian example makes it imperative that the United States fight the coming war with a selective, progressive officer corps, supported by civilians and politicians who have no interest other than slaving, that the Army and Navy may have a super-abundance of the materiel they require.

—Article courtesy "American Rifleman."



## PAY BILL

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### Officers

Pay period	PRESENT		PROPOSED		
	Base pay	Maximum base and longevity	Base pay	Maximum base and longevity	Per cent Increase
1	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$1,800	20 %
2	2,000	2,300	2,100	2,415	5 %
3	2,400	3,000	2,700	3,375	12.5%
4	3,000	4,050	3,300	4,455	10 %
5	3,500	5,075	3,800	5,510	8.5%
6	4,000	6,000	4,200	6,300	5 %
B. G.	-----	6,000	-----	7,250	20.8%
M. G.	-----	8,000	-----	8,400	5 %

officers, however, is specifically provided for the grade with no longevity credit authorized. All general officers are authorized the allowances provided for the 6th day period. This pay system was designed to equalize pay between Services having different rates of promotion by authorizing the pay of the next higher period after certain years of service for those who are subject to a very slow rate of promotion and prohibiting, for those who receive rapid promotion, any pay increase until they have completed a minimum period of service. For example, a first

lieutenant normally receives the pay of the second period. If he is soon promoted to the grade of captain he may not enter the

Services receiving the base pay of the first, second, third, or sixth period the amount of this allowance shall be equal to two subsistence allowances, and to each officer receiving the base pay of the fourth or fifth period the amount of his allowance shall be equal to three subsistence allowances: *Provided*, That an officer with no dependents shall receive one subsistence allowance in lieu of the above allowances.

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Pay period	Rental Allowance			
	With dependents	No dependents	Pres-ent	Pro-posed
1	\$40	\$60	\$40	\$45
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3	80	90	60	75
4	100	105	60	90
5	120	120	80	105
6	120	120	80	105

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Commissioned and Warrant—October 31.....	1,609
Enlisted—October 31.....	12,150

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Commissioned and Warrant—October 31.....	170
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Commissioned and Warrant—October 31.....	3,657
Enlisted—October 31.....	60,471
Total Strength Marine Corps—October 31.....	64,128

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Zyck, Wm. J. (MCI)  
Bendoraitis, John A. (QM)  
Bondsld, Melvin Jr. (COMM)  
Brown, R. P. (FM)  
Cox, C. J. (FM)  
DeMarsteau, Dale H. (QM)  
Ferguson, Robert B. (PAY)  
Hampton, G. L. (QM)  
Hampton, M. (F.C.)  
Morgan, Allen M. Jr. (F.C.)  
Murphy, LaVerne A. (SHIP)  
McNeill, Allen P. Jr. (COMM)  
Russell, C. A. (QM)

#### TAPS

The following deaths have been reported to the Marine Corps Headquarters Casualty Section.

ENK, Willard Raymond, Maj., USMC, retired, died 15 September, 1941, at the San Diego Cafe, 2866 San Diego Avenue, San Diego, California. Next of kin: Miss Grace Enk, sister, 107 South Detroit Street, Buchanan, Michigan.  
STETSON, Stuart Carlisle, Capt., USMCR, active, died 18 September, 1941, at the Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Anne D. Stetson, wife, Juniper Avenue, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania.  
POPHAM, John Nicholas, Jr., Capt., USMC, retired, died 30 September, 1941, at the U. S. Naval Hospital, New York, N. Y. Next of kin: Mrs. Pauline B. Popham, wife, 590 East 21st Street, Brooklyn, New York.  
CHARSHA, Gurdon Fillmore, Mar. Gun., USMC, retired, died 15 September, 1941, at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruth Charsha, wife, Silverdale Road, R.F.D., No. 3, Wilmington, Delaware.  
MEEHAN, Michael, Mar. Gun., USMC, retired, died 15 September, 1941, at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Annie Ralls, sister, 18 Bartlett Street, Charlestown, Boston, Massachusetts.  
ZENDER, Harry, QM, Sgt., USMC, died 16 September, 1941, at Washington, D. C. Next of kin: Mrs. Lottie E. Zender, wife, 9 Green Street, Fredonia, New York.  
MANNING, William Paul, Pl. Sgt., USMC, died 2 September, 1941, at San Diego, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Etta Manning, mother, care of General Delivery, Dallas, Texas.  
O'QUINN, James Peter, Cpl., USMC, died 14 September, 1941, at Burton, South Carolina. Next of kin: Mrs. Lottie O'Quinn, mother, Route No. 5, Walterboro, South Carolina.  
ANDERSON, John Taylor, Cpl., died 5 September, 1941, at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Parris Island, South Carolina. Next of kin: Mr. William P. Anderson, father, Garden Court Plaza, 47th and Pine Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.  
DERMIGNY, Paul John, Pfc., USMC, died 30 September, 1941, at Paradise Point, MB, New River, North Carolina. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Bambrik, mother, 116 West 63rd Street, New York, New York.

IRVINE, George Bancroft, Jr., Pfc., USMC, died 14 September, 1941, at the Marine Barracks, Washington, D. C. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Irvine, mother, 4423 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

STEINBERGER, Bernard, Pfc., USMC, died 8 September, 1941, at Reykjavik, Iceland. Next of kin: Mrs. Bertha Steinberger, mother, 115 George Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.  
SULLIVAN, John William, Pvt., USMC, died 27 September, 1941, near Huntington Beach, California. Next of kin: Mr. Patrick Sullivan, father, 406 North Fairview Street, Pittsburgh, Kansas.

TAYLOR, Howard Ezra, Pvt., USMC, died 10 September, 1941, at Gadsden, Alabama. Next of kin: Mr. & Mrs. Vernon L. Taylor, parents, Route No. 1, Gadsden, Alabama.

WOOD, Frank Stanley, Pvt., USMC, died 2 September, 1941, at Quantico, Virginia. Next of kin: Mr. Robert Wood, father, 1061 Marshall Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

GRABABA, Walter, Jr., USMCR, active, died 20 September, 1941, near Datil, New Mexico. Next of kin: Mr. & Mrs. Walter Grabara, parents, 1330 150th Street, Hammond, Indiana.

OSBORNE, Lawrence, Gy-Sgt., USMC, retired, died 25 April, 1941, at 1402 High Street, Nicholson Heights, Erie, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. James B. Murray, daughter, 931 West 31st Street, Erie, Pennsylvania.

RODGRIGUEZ, Arthur Joseph, GySgt., USMC, retired, died 2 September, 1941, at the Station Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Emergency addressee: Mr. Arthur Blevins, friend, 1310 Wyoming Street, San Antonio, Texas. The following deaths have been reported to the Marine Corps Headquarters Casualty Section during the month of October 1941:

GUGGENHEIM, Charles Jose Eaton, Mai., USMC, retired, active, died 27 October, 1941, near Tuckerton, New Jersey. Next of kin: Mrs. Edythe S. Guggenheim, wife, 14 East 60th St., New York, N. Y.

RALEY, Harry Ernest, Marine Gunner, USMC, retired, died 5 October 1941, at the U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Cleopatra C. Raley, wife, 4455 New Jersey Street, San Diego, California.

ANCEL, James Howard, Corporal, USMC, died 4 October 1941, at Rocky Mount, N. C. Next of kin: Mr. George Ancel, father, 804 Marchand Street, Bay City, Michigan.

BASKIN, Thomas Allen, Pvt., USMC, died 12 October 1941, at Sitka, Alaska. Next of kin: Mr. D. A. Baskin, father, Route 2, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

BELANGER, Horace, PFC, USMC, died 7 October 1941, at U. S. Naval Air Station, Miami, Fla. Next of kin: Mr. Alfred Belanger, brother, Northbridge, Massachusetts.

HOLDING, Allen "P" Corporal, USMC, died 4 October 1941, at Rocky Mount, N. C. Next of kin: Mr. and Mrs. Benson H. Holding, parents, Oak Grove, Louisiana.

CINDRICH, Joseph James, St. Sgt., USMC, died 10 October 1941, at Pearl City, Oahu, T. H. Next of kin: Mr. Matthew Cindrich, father, 2347 Central Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

DALE, Kenneth Eugene, Pvt., USMC, died 4 October 1941, at MB, NOB, Norfolk, Va. Next of kin: Mrs. Bertie Dale, mother, 21 Chamberlain Avenue, Rockwood, Tenn.

GRZBYOWSKI, Fred, PFC, USMC, died 18 October 1941, at Yorktown, Va. Next of kin: Mr. and Mrs. Konstanty Grzbyowski, parents, 341 Portage Road, Niagara Falls, New York.

McMAHON, Edward John, Tech. Sgt., USMC, died 12 October 1941, near Paradise, Arizona. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Mae McMahon, wife, Quarters 114, MB, Parris Island, S. C.

MURNIN, Frank, Cpl., USMCR(F), active, died 14 October 1941, at U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California. Next of kin: Mr. Louis C. Murnin, brother, 2904 S. Smedley Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

PARKS, Mansel Ernest, Pvt., USMC, died 12 October 1941, at Memorial General Hospital, Kinston, North Carolina. Next of kin: Mr. Lee Earnest, grandfather, R.F.D. No. 1, Golden, Mississippi.

STARNS, Jack Dillon, Chf. Ck., USMC, died 13 October 1941, at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Calif. Next of kin: Mr. and Mrs. John Starns, parents, 720 Seminary Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

YANCIK, John, Jr., PFC, USMC, died 23 September 1941, at Norfolk, Virginia. Next of kin: Mr. and Mrs. John Yancik, Sr., parents, 6965 Lemington East End, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ZUERN, Alfred Eugene, MT, Sgt., died 5 October 1941, at Chula Vista, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Jean Marie Zuer, wife, 3935 Lytton St., San Diego, California.

McCAFFERTY, John William, Sgt., USMC, Ret., died 5 October 1941, at U. S. Naval Hospital, Pearl Harbor, T. H. Next of kin: Mrs. Marie McCafferty, wife, 1310 Oserio Place, Honolulu, T. H.

ROCHE, Frank Augustus, Cpl., USMC, Ret., died 28 August 1941, at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. Emergency Addressee: Mr. William Logue, friend, 2311 South Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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